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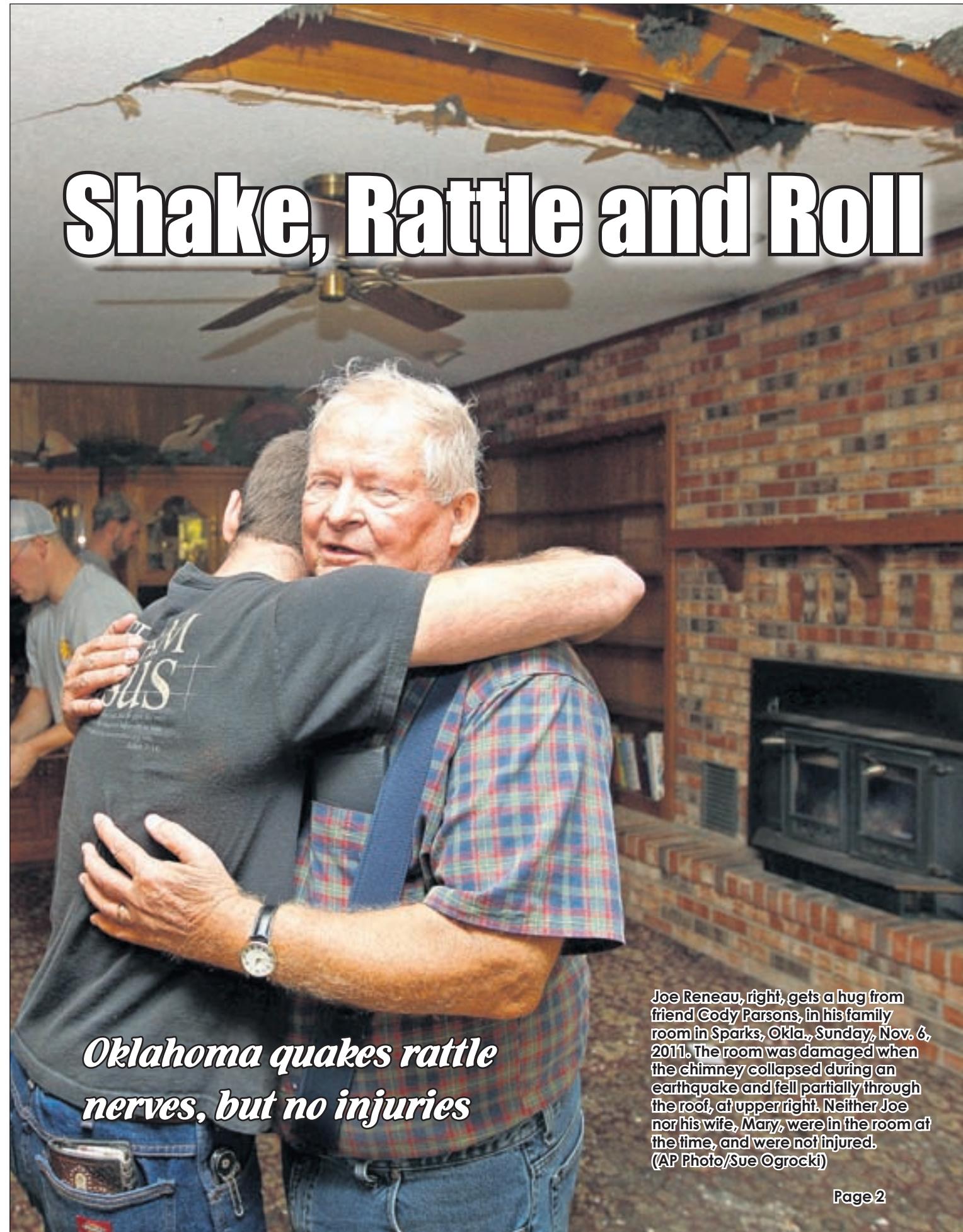


A Nigerian Muslim women offers her prayers during Eid al-Adha, the feast of sacrifice, at Obalende prayer ground in Lagos, Nigeria, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011. After a weekend of violence and fear, U.S. officials warned Sunday that luxury hotels frequented by foreigners and Nigeria's elite may be bombed by a radical Muslim sect as the death toll from attacks in the country's northeast rose to more than 100.
(AP Photo/Sunday Alamba)

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Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — After a weekend of violence and fear, U.S. officials warned Sunday that luxury hotels frequented by foreigners and Nigeria's elite may be bombed by a radical Muslim sect as the death toll from attacks in the country's northeast rose to more than 100. The warning by the U.S. Embassy shows how seriously diplomats take the threat posed by the outlawed Islamist group known locally as Boko Haram, which previously bombed the United Nations headquarters in the capital, Abuja, killing 24.

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Oklahoma quakes rattle nerves, but no injuries

Joe Reneau, right, gets a hug from friend Cody Parsons, in his family room in Sparks, Okla., Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011. The room was damaged when the chimney collapsed during an earthquake and fell partially through the roof, at upper right. Neither Joe nor his wife, Mary, were in the room at the time, and were not injured.
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SPARKS, Oklahoma (AP) —
Oklahoma residents more accustomed to tornadoes than earthquakes have

State University's stadium shortly after the No. 3 Cowboys defeated No. 17 Kansas State.

"That shook up the place, had a lot of people nervous," Oklahoma State wide receiver Justin Blackmon said. "Yeah, it was pretty strong."

The weekend earthquakes were among the strongest yet in a state that has seen a dramatic, unexplained increase in seismic activity. Oklahoma typically had about 50 earthquakes a year until 2009. Then the number spiked, and 1,047 quakes shook the state last

ue to see aftershocks, as we've already seen aftershocks from this one," said Paul Earle, a seismologist with the USGS in Golden, Colorado. "We will see aftershocks in the days and weeks to come, possibly even months."

Several homeowners and businesses reported cracked walls, fallen knick-knacks and other minor damage. Brad Collins, the spokesman for St. Gregory's University in Shawnee, said one of the four towers on its "castle-looking" administration building had collapsed and the other three towers were damaged. He estimated the towers were about 25 feet (7.5 meters) tall.

In Sparks, Joe Reneau said clouds of dust belched from the corners of almost every room in his house and a roar that sounded like a jumbo jet filled the air. Reneau's red-brick chimney collapsed and fell into the roof above the living room. By the time the shaking stopped, a pantry worth of food had been strewn across the kitchen and shards of glass and pottery covered the floor.

"It was like WHAM!" said Reneau, 75, gesturing with swipes of his arms. "I thought in my mind the house would stand, but then again, maybe not."

An emergency manager in Lincoln County near the epicenter said U.S. 62, a two-lane highway that meanders through rolling landscape between Oklahoma City and the Arkansas state line, crumpled in places when the stronger quake struck Saturday night. □



Jess Burrow, left, and James Patterson, look over the damage caused outside the home of Joe and Mary Reneau when their chimney was toppled by Saturday's earthquake, in Sparks, Okla., Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011.

(AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki)

been shaken by weekend temblors that cracked buildings, buckled a highway and rattled nerves. One quake late Saturday was the state's strongest ever and jolted a college football stadium 50 miles (80 kilometers) away.

Although homes and other buildings cracked and suffered minor damage, there were no reports of severe injuries or major devastation.

Saturday night's earthquake jolted Oklahoma

The magnitude 5.6 earthquake late Saturday was Oklahoma's strongest on record, said Jessica Turner, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey. Centered near Sparks, 44 miles (71 kilometers) northeast of Oklahoma City, it could be felt throughout the state and in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, northern Texas and some parts of Illinois and Wisconsin. It followed a magnitude 4.7 quake early Saturday that was felt from Texas to Missouri.

year, prompting researchers to install seismographs in the area. Still, most of the earthquakes have been small.

Geologists now believe a magnitude 4.7 earthquake Saturday morning was a foreshock to the bigger one that followed that night. They recorded 10 aftershocks by midmorning Sunday and expected more. Two of the aftershocks, at 4 a.m. and 9 a.m., were big, magnitude 4.0.

"We will definitely contin-

Occupy Atlanta plans 2nd attempt to camp at park

KATE BRUMBACK
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Occupy Atlanta organizers said Sunday that they plan to again try to camp at a city park, setting up yet another showdown with police a night after 20 people were arrested during a rally that spilled into the streets. The group will hold its general assembly meeting Sunday evening, then march back to Woodruff Park downtown, said organizer Tim Franzen. Atlanta police spokesman Carlos Campos said police would continue to enforce the law.

Anti-Wall Street protesters across the country have been arrested in recent weeks, most for curfew violations.

Some of the most intense confrontations between demonstrators and police have been in Oakland, California, where two Iraq War veterans have been hurt in separate clashes with officers.

In Atlanta, 19 people were arrested on charges they refused to leave the park after curfew or blocked city roads, police said. Franzen said they would be released from jail Sunday. He said one other person charged with aggravated assault and obstruction likely won't be bailed out until sometime this week. Before Saturday's 11 p.m. curfew, a crowd of several hundred protesters had set up tents at Woodruff Park, the scene of about 50 arrests of demonstrators last month. □

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New England scrambles to restore power

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Gov. Dannel P. Malloy of Connecticut said Sunday that the state's largest electricity carrier would not meet its goal of restoring power to 99 percent of its customers by midnight, and those affected entered a second week without electricity since the freak October snowstorm struck the Northeast.

"The closer we got to C.L. and P.'s self-identified goal of 99 percent restoration in each city and town by midnight tonight, the more skeptical I became of their ability to meet that goal," the governor said in a press release, referring to the carrier, Connecticut Light and Power, which was scrambling Sunday to restore electricity to 114,000 of its customers. "I'm releasing this information because towns and cities need to make preparations based on the reality of the situation – not what C.L. and P. hopes to have happen."

More than 800,000 homes across Connecticut lost electricity during the storm. According to projections released by the governor's office, it could be Wednesday until power is fully restored in many areas, including in Danbury, Middletown and Torrington. Shortly after noon on Sunday, the utility continued to be hopeful about meeting its deadline, though rough-

ly 9 percent of its customers had no power. More than 2,300 crews have been dispatched to restore the electricity at these homes, said Katie Blint, a spokeswoman for Connecticut Light and Power.

"We've never had that many crews working in Connecticut's history," she added.

It has been an excellent week, meanwhile, to operate a hardware store in the state.

Russell Hunter, who owns

as he could order them. Despite the windfall, even Hunter is running out of patience about the chill and darkness at his own house. "At home, it's getting sort of old," Hunter said Saturday. "And cold! People are really angry that it should take this long."

He was also a victim of his own sales success. "I took home two bundles of firewood," he said of his own preparations. Later in the week he "wanted two more, and we didn't have



A downed tree limb lies across power lines in Belmont, Mass. Gov. Dannel P. Malloy of Connecticut said Sunday that the state's largest electricity carrier would not meet its goal of restoring power to 99 percent of its customers by midnight, and those affected entered a second week without electricity since the freak October snowstorm struck the Northeast.

(AP Photo/Michael Dwyer)

Pfau's Hardware in West Hartford, said that after the bizarre fall snowstorm, his store was cleaned out of supplies like batteries, oil lamps and gas grills. Sales of such items were five times the norm, he said, and they flew out of the door as fast

them."

On Friday, Malloy announced plans for an investigation into the preparation and repair efforts of Connecticut Light and Power and the state's other major utility, United Illuminating Co. □

Occupy protests inspires T-shirts, trademark bids

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

The revolution will be trademarked and put on T-shirts if an increasing number of



Alicia "Ally" Nauss, left, and Adam Hill kiss at the end of their wedding ceremony at the Occupy Philadelphia encampment in front of City Hall Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011 in Philadelphia. Nauss and Hill met while working the information tent at Occupy Philadelphia.

The encampment at City Hall is one of many being held across the country similar to the ongoing Occupy Wall Street demonstration in New York.

(AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

entrepreneurs succeed in their attempts to profit from the Occupy demonstrations.

A few T-shirts began to appear several days after the first protest began on Sept. 17 with a march through the streets of lower Manhattan.

Now, T-shirts, coffee mugs and other merchandise emblazoned with Occupy locations and slogans are being offered online and amid the camp sites that have sprung up in cities across the country.

A number of merchandise vendors, clothing designers and others are making plans to market a wide-variety of goods for a wide-variety of reasons even as some protesters decry the business plans as directly counter to the demonstrations' goals. In recent weeks, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received a spate of applications from enterprising merchandisers, lawyers and others seeking to win exclusive commercial rights to such phrases as "We are the 99 percent," "Occupy" and "Occupy DC 2012."

Organizers of the protest centered in Manhattan's Zuccotti Park went so far as to file for a trademark of "Occupy Wall Street" after several other applications connected to the demonstrations were filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Wylie Stecklow, a lawyer representing the protesters, said the Oct. 24 filing was done to prevent profiteering from a movement many say is a protest against corporate greed. □

Panetta weighs military cuts once thought out of bounds

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WASHINGTON — Under orders to cut the Pentagon budget by more than \$450 billion over the next decade, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta is considering reductions in spending categories once thought sacrosanct, especially in medical and retirement benefits, as well as further shrinking the number of troops and reducing new weapons purchases.

Panetta, a former White House budget chief, acknowledged in an interview that he faced deep political pressures as he weighed cuts to Pentagon spending, which has doubled to \$700 billion a year since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. He said that meeting deficit-reduction targets might require another round of base closings, which could be highly contentious as members of Congress routinely fight to protect military deployments and jobs in their communities.

Among other steps, Panetta said, Pentagon strategists were looking at additional cuts in the nuclear arsenal, with an eye toward determining how many warheads the military

NATO allies improve their militaries. That effort would free up money so the United States could maintain or increase its forces in Asia, a high priority for the Obama administration, and sustain a presence in the Persian

fit a smaller budget — while still protecting national security interests and taking care of military personnel and their families.

It was clear in the interview that the defense secretary was addressing a variety of audiences: enlisted personnel, officers and veterans, as well as members of Congress who approve Pentagon spending and an American public exhausted by a decade of war and now worried about the nation's financial health. Panetta spoke less than three weeks before a special bipartisan committee is supposed to produce a far-reaching deficit-reduction plan.

If the committee deadlocks and fails to find \$1.2 trillion in deficit reductions, then automatic cuts go into effect and the Pentagon could face an estimated \$500 billion in additional reductions over the next decade.

Panetta has called those additional cuts potentially ruinous. In that view, he has allies in Congress, especially Republicans on the

House and Senate Armed Services Committees, who are preparing legislation that would undo the automatic across-the-board cuts for military programs, or exchange them for cuts in other areas of the federal budget.

The defense secretary's stated views could well put more pressure on the committee to come up with a deal.

Apart from the prospect of the automatic cuts, some Republicans have already criticized the administration's planned reductions as dangerously severe. Some Tea Party members and liberals, by contrast, have argued that the administration's reductions are too modest.

The administration's more than \$450 billion in cuts would reduce the military budget by roughly 7 or 8 percent over the next 10 years, even beyond the spending reductions that would come from the withdrawals from Iraq and Afghanistan, according to government budget projections. □

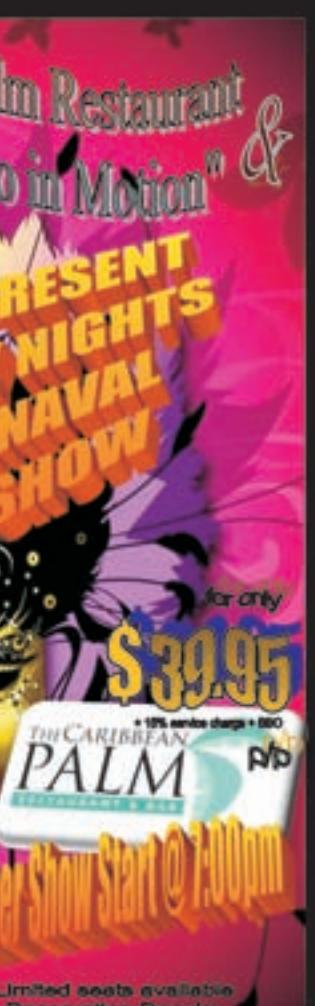


U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta speaks during a joint press conference with South Korean Defense Minister Kim Kwan-jin in Seoul, South Korea.

(AP Photo/Jung Yeon-je, Pool)

needed to deter attacks. Panetta also held out the possibility of cutting the number of U.S. troops based in Europe, with the United States compensating for any withdrawal by helping

Gulf after the withdrawal from Iraq this year, he said. In a 40-minute interview Friday, Panetta offered the most detailed description to date of his plans to cut and reshape the military to



Israel's warnings on Iran get quiet nods in Gulf

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Associated Press

Washington — Among the many alliances of convenience in the Middle East, one is so unusual that the partners can barely hint about it publicly: Israel and the Gulf Arab states linked by shared fears over Iran's nuclear program.

While their deeper disputes on the Palestinians effectively block any strategic breakthroughs, the recent warnings from Israel and the West about military options against Iran invariably draw in the Gulf and its rare meeting of minds with Jerusalem.

The Gulf states — a cornerstone for U.S. diplomatic and military pressure on Iran — are indispensable parts of any effort to confront Tehran's nuclear ambitions. And even Israel,



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu arrives at the weekly cabinet meeting in his Jerusalem office, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011. Among the many alliances of convenience in the Middle East, one is so unusual that the partners can barely hint about it publicly: Israel and the Gulf Arab states linked by shared fears over Iran's nuclear program.

which has no direct diplomatic outreach to the Gulf, is likely brought into the Gulf-centric policymaking with U.S. envoys acting as go-betweens, experts say. "I would be surprised if there

is no knowledge about the Saudi positions (in Israel) or knowledge in Saudi of the Israeli positions," said David Menashri, director of the Center for Iranian Studies at Tel Aviv University. □

Cain says he's 'back on message,' but others don't help

SUSAN SAULNY

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THE WOODLANDS, Texas — If Herman Cain has been less than clear about exactly what happened during his tenure as head of the National Restaurant Association in the late 1990s, when he was accused of sexual harassment, he is being perfectly clear about how he intends to conduct himself now.

"We're getting back on message, end of story," he said here in a suburb north of Houston on Saturday night after a debate with Newt Gingrich that ended up being more of a Tea Party pep rally than a clash of ideas. At no point during the nearly three-hour event, a fundraiser that began with cocktails, did Cain address what had consumed his campaign the previous week. "Don't even go there," he warned reporters who clamored to ask him at least one question after the event. But Cain's efforts to move past the story were thwarted Sunday by what may be a sign of things to come. One of his opponents for the Republican

presidential nomination, Jon M. Huntsman Jr., and an influential Republican leader, Gov. Haley Barbour of Mississippi, used appearances on a Sunday morning talk show to urge Cain to be more forthcoming in responding to the accusations.

"Legitimate questions have been raised," said Huntsman, a former governor of Utah.

Cain has built his reputation — and won over hordes of conservative supporters — on being a folksy and straight-talking former pizza executive, an alternative to his rivals with their years of political experience. But his recent denials and evasions threaten to become a turning point, or at least a midcourse correction, on his unlikely but so far thriving campaign for the presidency. The very qualities that endeared Cain to so many conservatives appear to be undercutting his chances, as his campaign struggles to respond to the sexual harassment accusations and as new questions are raised about the candidate's management style, one



In this Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011, photo released by NBC News Republican presidential candidate Jon Huntsman speaks on NBC's "Meet the Press" in Washington. Huntsman called on rival presidential candidate Herman Cain to disclose all information about the allegations of sexual harassment that have consumed the GOP race, telling NBC that the information needs to come out "in total" because legitimate questions have been raised and the controversy has distracted from real issues on the campaign trail. (AP Photo/NBC News, William B. Plowman)

of his central selling points. Cain, inexperienced on the national political stage, has stumbled repeatedly since Politico broke the story of the accusations a week ago. He has issued an avalanche of confusing and often contradictory statements, lashing out at his rivals and ultimately blaming the news media for reporting the news.

"His base is skeptical of the allegations," said Steve

Schmidt, a Republican strategist. "However, he will have to get it behind him

sooner rather than later. I suspect this week will be the key week on the issue, and then it will die. Of course, that depends on what the accusers are allowed to say. It continues to be fun to watch."

Cain told reporters after the debate Saturday that instead of asking him questions, they should read a copy of what he called "the journalistic code of ethics." And he has not budged on his insistence that he will not address specifics of the accusations. Until Sunday, his Republican opponents were giving him the benefit of the doubt for the most part, and had generally refrained from directly taking him on concerning the accusations. □

Thousands protesting at White House over pipeline

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of protesters gathered in Lafayette Square across from the White House on Sunday to oppose a plan for a transnational oil pipeline they fear could harm the environment.

At one point, the crowd linked hands to surround the White House, keeping up pressure on President Barack Obama as his administration decides whether to approve the massive Keystone XL project.

Demonstrators chanted "yes we can, stop the pipeline," while other protesters carried a plastic tube simulating the pipeline that would run 1,700 miles (2,735 kilometers) through six states. The protest drew

support from actor Mark Ruffalo, Presidential Medal of Freedom winner John Adams and NASA scientist James Hansen, each of whom spoke to the crowd. The proposed pipeline by developer TransCanada would carry oil derived from

tar sands in Alberta, Canada, to refineries in Houston and Port Arthur, Texas. Opponents say it would bring "dirty oil" that requires huge amounts of energy to extract and could cause an ecological disaster in case of a spill. □



Demonstrators march with a replica of a pipeline during a protest against the Keystone XL Pipeline outside the White House on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011, in Washington.

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On Hulu, "Essex" frames drama as reality TV

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The most talked-about television show of the last year is now freely available in the United States – not that you'd know it. Previously visible only to those with all-region DVD or media players, "The Only Way Is Essex" has made its U.S. premiere not on television but online at Hulu.com, a victory for Internet video in its guerrilla war against the TV industry. Not that everyone would see the show's arrival here – a kind of homecoming, given its roots in MTV reality spectacles like "The Hills" and "Jersey Shore" – as

a cultural milestone. "The Only Way Is Essex" (a play on the show's theme song,

Yazz's 1988 dance anthem "The Only Way Is Up") has been reviled in Britain as a



An undated handout screengrab of a scene during the show "The Only Way Is Essex." The show, the most talked-about British television show of the last year, has made its American premiere not on television but online at Hulu, a victory for Internet video in its guerrilla war against the TV industry.

(Hulu and ALL3MEDIA via The New York Times)

pestilent example of depraved New World values and a leading indicator of the apocalypse.

Which didn't stop its second season this spring from exploding in "Jersey Shore" fashion, nearly doubling its audience on the ITV2 channel and reaching close to 1.9 million for the season finale in May. Apply a population-conversion factor (multiply by five), and that's better than any episode of Snooki & Co., which has topped out so far at 8.9 million.

The people also spoke at this year's British Academy Television Awards, the

BAFTAs, where "TOWIE" (as the show is abbreviated) was not nominated in a single category but won the YouTube Audience Award over more respectable peers like "Downton Abbey," "Sherlock" and "The Killing." So what is this monster, 26 episodes of which can now be streamed at Hulu? (A third season began in Britain in September.) In concept it's totally familiar: a reality show about a group of young party promoters, club managers, beauticians and "glamour models" in the wealthy, suburban precincts of southwestern Essex County, bordering London. These blond Essex girls and their clean-cut boyfriends bear no resemblance to the goombah caricatures of "Jersey Shore" – they're more akin to the publicists and interns of "The Hills" and "The City," except that some of them appear to have actual jobs. Yet they engage in the same Theater of Superficiality. Episode 1 features a woman being spray tanned; Episode 26 opens with a man being waxed. Cosmetics, tattoos, jewelry, clothes, cars and Champagne are the show's oxygen.

The popularity of the series certainly can be traced to the way it amps up the clichés of the American friendship-reality shows. But it also tones them down, presenting them more baldly while maintaining a higher level of decorum. Serial dating and cheating and breaking up take place at a breathless pace, with more clothes on and with actual sex kept off screen. □



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Billionaire NY mayor grapples with Wall St. protest



Yelp CEO and co-founder Jeremy Stoppelman, far left, applauds as New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, second from left, appeared with him at the opening of Yelp's Manhattan offices in New York.

(AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

SAMANTHA GROSS

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — It would seem that Mayor Michael Bloomberg would be a natural foe for protesters now in their seventh week on Wall Street's footprint. He is not only the 1 percent, he was named the 30th richest person on the planet, according to Forbes magazine. He is a man who has used his fortune to achieve vast political influence. A former trader and CEO who ardently defends the big banks against those who would blame the institutions for the nation's economic woes.

But the billionaire mayor has thus far avoided taking decisive action against the encampment in a privately owned park protesting economic inequality and corporate greed. Bloomberg may not be able to keep that distance for long, however. Local of-

ficials displeased with noise and sanitation complaints at the site have been notching up the pressure on City Hall. And the park's owners may yet choose to clear out the group on trespassing charges, causing a potential showdown with police.

The mayor has said the situation is the city's responsibility — but has yet to explain how his administration might step in.

"It is the city's problem and we'll make a decision," he said recently. "But, you know, it's just not so easy. You can't just walk in and say, 'Hey, you're out of here.'"

As the protests have grown to include encampments around the country, some mayors are taking that exact approach, while others are publicly pondering similar action. Results have been mixed.

In Oakland, California, po-

lice in riot gear fired tear gas and bean bags to disperse protesters who had been camping in front of City Hall — a move followed by confrontations that have led local business leaders and residents to question Mayor Jean Quan's leadership. In Atlanta and in San Diego, police arrested dozens of people to clear out park encampments. The mayor of Providence, Rhode Island, has threatened to ask a court to evict protesters, and Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa has said an encampment outside

City Hall "cannot continue indefinitely."

But in New York, a decision to forcibly evict the protesters could prove unpopular for a mayor already coping with a third-term decline in public approval. Two-thirds of New York City voters polled recently by Quinnipiac University say they agree with the protesters' views, and 82 percent believe the group should be allowed to continue the protest, which is costing the city millions of dollars in ramped up security.

"Bloomberg is in a bad

spot," said 61-year-old protester Aron Kay, standing with the help of a cane amid the tents at Zuccotti Park. "He knows he's damned if you do, damned if you don't. ... They will look very bad if they come in here like gangbusters." Still, patience with the movement is wearing thin with some. The New York Post emblazoned the word "ENOUGH!" on its front page Thursday and accused the mayor of refusing to take action on what the newspaper said was a public nuisance. □

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Leaders in Greece agree to form a new government

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ATHENS, Greece — After crisis talks on Sunday night, Prime Minister George Papandreou and the Greek opposition leader agreed to create a new unity government that will not be led by Papandreou, according to a statement released Sunday night by the Greek president, who mediated the talks.

Papandreou and the opposition leader Antonis Samaras agreed to meet again on Monday to hammer out the details of the agreement. The name of the new prime minister is not expected until then.

The new government is intended to govern for several months to put in place a

debt agreement with the European Union, a step European leaders con-

sider crucial to shoring up the euro. Then it is to hold a general election and dis-



Greece's Prime Minister George Papandreou waves to journalists while exiting the Presidential Palace after a meeting with Greek President Karolos Papoulias and opposition leader Antonis Samaras, in Athens Sunday, Nov. 6 2011. Greece's embattled prime minister and the head of the main opposition party reached an initial agreement to form an interim government that will ensure the country's new European debt deal and then lead Greece to early elections, the president's office said.

But after meeting with his cabinet in the afternoon, Papandreou said Samaras would first have to agree to a seven-point plan of priorities that would essentially commit the new government to the terms of the debt deal. The priorities include securing the release of European rescue funds, meeting fiscal targets imposed by foreign creditors, and passing the 2012 budget by the end of the year.

Samaras' party has in the past voted against many of the unpopular austerity measures Europe has demanded in exchange for its help, leaving the Socialist government to shoulder the political burden alone.

Papandreou also insisted that the composition of a unity government must be agreed to before he stepped down.

"It's clear this government is prepared to hand over the baton, but it can't hand it over into a vacuum," he said, according to a transcript of the meeting released to the news media. "It will hand over to the next government, if we agree and decide on it."

It was not clear on Sunday night whether the opposition had agreed to the seven points during the meeting with President Karolos Papoulias; nor was it clear when Papandreou would step down. Discussion of the composition of the unity government was left for Monday.

In one scenario being discussed in the Greek media on Sunday, Papandreou might cede power to a unity government including politicians from the Socialist and New Democracy parties but led by a nonpolitical figure. One name being mentioned as a possible leader for such a government is Lukas Papademos, a former vice president of the European Central Bank.

That scenario could set the stage for a power battle between Papademos and the current finance minister, Evangelos Venizelos, who has reportedly been trying to rally support for a government that he could lead. Papandreou survived a crucial confidence vote in Parliament in the early hours of Saturday, a vote seen as an endorsement for the debt agreement with the EU, but which was predicated on the expectation that he would immediately resign. □

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Papandreou has faced mounting pressure to resign, including from within his own party, the Socialists. Before the meeting with the president, Samaras had repeated that he would enter talks on a unity government only if Papandreou resigned. Papandreou himself has repeatedly said that he would be willing to step aside for the deal to go through.

Germans agree to tax breaks

BERLIN (AP) — Chancellor Angela Merkel said Sunday her government has agreed on tax breaks for Germans worth €6 billion (\$8.3 billion) over the course of two years, as "thanks" for the burden they have had to carry in Europe's ongoing debt crisis.

Merkel told reporters that an agreement was reached late Sunday

among her Christian Democrats and their coalition partners. She said the tax cuts would come in two steps,

with the first starting in January 2013 worth €2 billion aimed at easing the burden on lower and middle income Germans. The second step is scheduled for January 2014 and will be worth €4 billion.

The legislation must still be

approved by parliament. Merkel said in announcing the decision that her government would continue to reduce the nation's deficit, but at the same time felt compelled to give something back to citizens.

"We want to thank citizens for the many burdens they have borne throughout the international financial crisis," the news agency dapd quoted Mekel as saying. □

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11 Hungarian tourists killed in bus crash

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Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Eleven Hungarian tourists were killed late Sunday when a speeding tour bus overturned at a Red Sea resort town in southeastern Egypt, police and medical officials said. The crash also injured 27 Hungarian tourists. It took place at the entrance of Hurghada, 315 miles (510 kilometers) southeast of Cairo, according to Egypt's state-run news agency MENA. The agency said the dead and the injured were taken by ambulance to Hurghada hospital.

Four children were among the injured, according to the independent Al-Masry Al-Youm daily paper.

Egyptian security and medical officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information, said the bus was carrying the tourists from their hotel to the airport on a highway. The driver lost control of the bus because of its high speed, the officials said. The accident happened on the first day of Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha, or Feast of the Sacrifice, when many Egyptians and tourists head to Red Sea resorts for vacation.

Road accidents are common in Egypt due to badly maintained roads and poor enforcement of traffic laws. Police estimate road accidents kill about 6,000 people annually in the nation with a population of about 82 million. □

Sect bomb attacks possible in Nigeria capital

Continued from Front

The unusually specific warning from the U.S. Embassy identified possible targets in Abuja as the Hilton, Nicon Luxury and Sheraton hotels. With popular restaurants and bars, the hotels draw diplomats, politicians and even reformed oil delta militants. The embassy said an attack may come as Muslims in the oil-rich nation celebrate the Eid al-Adha holiday and that its diplomats and staff had been instructed to avoid those hotels.

Still, Nigerian officials continued to downplay the threat posed by the militants, hoping to reassure Africa's most populous nation that everything remains under control in a country often violently divided by religious and ethnic differences.

"We're all expected to live in peace, but as a nation, we have our own challenges," President Goodluck Jonathan said in a speech televised nationally.

"During this holy period, we still have incidents happening here and there," added Jonathan, a Christian, who appeared wearing a prayer cap and the traditional robes of the country's Muslim north.

U.S. officials offered no other details about how the embassy received the threat information. Deb MacLean, a U.S. Embassy spokeswoman in Abuja, declined to comment Sunday.

It wouldn't be the first

time Abuja saw itself targeted by Boko Haram, which has waged an increasingly bloody sectarian fight against Nigeria's weak central government. A suicide bomber claimed by the group attacked the U.N. headquarters in August, while another bomber targeted the federal police headquarters in June.

Still, most attacks have targeted Nigeria's arid and impoverished northeast, so any strike against hotels in Abuja would be an escalation that shows the group's ability to strike at will—even against foreigners and its elite.

The warning came as a Nigerian Red Cross official said more than 100 people were killed in a series of attacks Friday in the northeast.

Ibrahim Bulama said he expected the death toll to rise in Damaturu, the capital of rural Yobe state. He said mourners quickly buried some bodies in line with Muslim tradition, making a precise count difficult.

While the hard-hit city remained calm as its Muslim inhabitants celebrated the religious holiday Sunday, army and police units manned roadblocks and streets remained largely empty, Bulama said. The state government announced a dusk-to-dawn curfew for the entire state. Meanwhile, a police inspector was killed Sunday in Boko Haram's spiritual home of Maiduguri about 80 miles (130 kilometers) east of Damaturu. Sect gunmen stopped the officer's car at gunpoint as he

neared a mosque to pray with his family, police commissioner Simeon Midenda said. Gunmen ordered the family away, then shot the inspector, Midenda said. World leaders from the United Nations to Pope Benedict XVI have called for an end to the violence, though Nigerian officials largely have downplayed

the government often waits until crises escalate out of control before responding with harsh military crackdowns. In 1980, the government suppressed a radical Muslim sect called the Maitatsine only after its members rioted, with the violence and subsequent crackdown leaving 4,000 dead. Rumors had persist-



Nigerian Muslim men offer their prayers during Eid al-Adha, the feast of sacrifice, at Obalende prayer ground in Lagos, Nigeria, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011. After a weekend of violence and fear, U.S. officials warned Sunday that luxury hotels frequented by foreigners and Nigeria's elite may be bombed by a radical Muslim sect as the death toll from attacks in the country's northeast rose to more than 100.

(AP Photo/Sunday Alamba)

the threat. Jonathan has repeatedly said that all countries in the world face terrorism, while others have urged local journalists to exercise restraint in their reporting in the name of patriotism. Despite the bombings and gun battles in northeast Nigeria, Defense Minister Mohammed Bello told journalists Sunday that "a lot of progress" has been made there. "I believe our security agencies are doing very well in containing the situation," Bello said. Nigeria's history, however, shows

ed then that the Maitatsine received aid from Nigeria's elite, but became too much for politicians to control. Similar rumors now surround Boko Haram, which wants the strict implementation of Shariah law across Nigeria, a nation of more than 160 million split largely between a Christian south and Muslim north. Other analysts suggest Jonathan, a Christian who took power after the 2010 death of an elected Muslim leader, remains unsure of his grip on the nation. □



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Death toll In Colombia landslide reaches 21



A rescue worker pulls out the mud the arm of a victim of a landslide caused by heavy rains in Manizales, northwest Colombia, Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011. According to Red Cross officials at least 14 people were killed.

(AP Photo/Maria Luisa Garcia)

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Rescuers are searching for signs of life amid mud and rubble after a rain-fueled landslide buried homes in northwestern Colombia, killing at least 21 people. Red Cross rescue director Cesar Uruena says between

20 and 40 people remain missing from Saturday's landslide in Manizales, 165 kilometers (102 miles) northwest of the capital, Bogota. Uruena said Sunday that 18 bodies have been identified and three remain unidentified.

The landslide was caused by heavy rains that caused part of a mountain slope to collapse. Rescuers are using back hoes and earthmovers to search for survivors. Uruena says they think "there is still a chance of finding life." □

FARC rebels defiant after leader's killing



Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos, center, addresses soldiers with Colombia's Defense Minister Juan Carlos Pinzo, center left, standing at his side at the military base in Popayan, Colombia, Saturday Nov. 5, 2011. Alfonso Cano, 63, the top leader of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, FARC, was killed in a military raid Friday in a remote area of the southwestern state of Cauca. The rebel leader's body was taken to a morgue in Popayan.

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BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— Colombia's main rebel group has acknowledged the death in combat of its leader, Alfonso Cano, and has declared illusory any notion it means the end of their 47-year-old insurgency. The leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, is characteristically defiant in a communique that derides the "guffaws" and "enthusiastic toasts" of Colombia's establishment.

The communique posted on the Sweden-registered Annco website late Saturday is signed by the FARC's senior command. It pays homage to Cano, who was killed Friday. The brief message makes it clear Cano will be replaced. It says he died fervently convinced of the need for a political solution to Colombia's long-running conflict. □



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Free-market reforms take hold in Cuban countryside



Abigail Rondon prays during a procession honoring the Virgin of Charity of Cobre, in Havana, Cuba, Sunday Nov. 6, 2011. Out of sight of Cuba's dollar-spending tourists, in areas where money from overseas relatives trickles in only sporadically, dusty towns like this one slowly are being revitalized by a series of private enterprise initiatives ushered in by President Raul Castro.

(AP Photo/Franklin Reyes)

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PAUL HAVEN

Associated Press

SANTA ISABEL DE LAS LAJAS, Cuba (AP) —

On sleepy streets plied by rickety horse-drawn carts and rusting 1950s automobiles, the sounds of commerce are once again being heard in Cuba's countryside.

A private sandwich shop has opened in a town previously served only by a grim state-run cafeteria. A woman sells trinkets from a small spot of shade. A weathered farmer in dusty jeans has rigged up an ancient ice cream machine and is selling cones for 8 cents a pop.

Out of sight of Cuba's dollar-spending tourists, in areas where money from overseas relatives trickles in only sporadically, dusty towns like this one slowly are being revitalized by a series of private enterprise initiatives ushered in by President Raul Castro.

Visits to more than a dozen

towns in the central provinces of Cienfuegos and Sancti Spiritus found private businesses popping up on every main street, places hard hit by the decline of Cuba's sugar industry and the general economic malaise that has settled over the country after more than half a century of Socialist rule.

Even in one-street hamlets like Yaguaramas, small businesses are buzzing while many residents, and most canines and livestock, lounge sleepily in the broiling midday sun.

The government says about 338,000 Cubans across the island now have licenses to operate private businesses, including more than 4,500 in Cienfuegos and 14,000 in Sancti Spiritus. While the number has not changed significantly since April, it is still more than three times the government's goal for the year. The businesses are the result of Castro's plan to inject a measure

of capitalism into Cuba's flatlining Marxist economy. The new businesses are exceedingly modest. The income generated is nowhere near enough to transform Cuba's perennially weak economy.

But on the level of individual lives, or the hopes of a small town, residents say the reforms have been a boon.

"It's a way of having something that is all yours," said Alain Suarez, who along with his family has opened a professional looking "guarapera," or sugarcane juice stand, in Santa Isabel de Las Lajas, about 25 kilometers (16 miles) from the central city of Cienfuegos up a bumpy byway lined by tall fields of sugar cane. The bright-faced 23-year-old points to a small pizza stand across the street from his establishment, and another that sells sandwiches. "All these businesses that have opened up recently have given the town new

life."

While he speaks to a reporter, a dozen schoolchildren come over to buy drinks, and a huge press that Suarez's father concocted with an old American electric motor whirrs from a back room, sending sugarcane juice running down a metal trough and through a little window into a bucket near the front counter. The children pay 4 cents each for a cup, and go off happy.

As Suarez's little juice stand shows, free enterprise starts off small in a place where most residents make salaries of about \$20 a month and where all private businesses, from humble gro-

cery stores to electronics shops to giant factories, were taken over by the socialist state in the late 1960s.

The town was the birthplace of legendary singer Benny More (pronounced mor-AY), who immortalized it in the 1955 song "Lajas, Mi Rincon Querido" ("Lajas, My Beloved Place"). But it has experienced trying days since then, including the dismantling of one of its giant sugar refineries in 2002 and the temporary closure of another since then. Cuba, once famed for its lucrative sugar trade, has seen production plummet, with 2010's harvest the worst in 105 years. □

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Hip-Hop kings, shorn of excess

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.—Just two guys sitting on a stoop, telling stories, lamenting the mistakes they've made, expressing hope that the next generation might learn something from them.

That was Jay-Z and Kanye West swapping stories, midway through their Saturday night show here at the Izod Center, on "New Day," a song from "Watch the Throne," the collaborative album they released in August. It turns out that the last stand of the hegemony looks like the opposite of extravagance.

Wealthy minimalism has been the tenor of this project. The first single, "Otis," was a basic old-school sample flip. In the video, Jay-Z and West goof around in white T-shirts and jeans and drive around in a filleted Maybach, an inversion of the 1990s hip-hop excess. Doing less with more was also the mood of this concert, making for an arena show that managed to be small and without distraction, like a play.

To open the night, they emerged at opposite ends of the arena on square platforms that slowly rose about 20 feet in the air, the most overtly audacious moment of a concert that thrilled with plain gestures.

The primary one of those was affection. "Watch the Throne" (Roc-a-Fella/Def Jam/Roc Nation) is less a paean to the inestimable successes they have

achieved than to their willingness to push each other out of their comfort zones. The collaboration is not merely a power-sharing arrangement or a union of equals, but an application to be rap's greatest duo. It seems each man had to wait to ascend to the height of pop music to find a worthy playmate.

And they have genuine rapport. When Beyoncé, Jay-Z's wife, announced her pregnancy at the MTV Video Music Awards in August, West had the grandest reaction, grabbing Jay-Z by the shoulders, patting him on the back, and jumping up and down. There was childlike joy in how each hyped the other; during "99 Problems,"

Jay-Z looked mischievous when rapping along with the looser West. During the "Watch the Throne" song

shoulders off, like two brothers preparing for a big night out. A little bit earlier, the two traded off songs one

how much can be accomplished with a few small decisions: as on the album, Jay-Z and West worked smart, not big.

The heaviest lifting was done by cameras that seemed to encircle the stage, resulting in astonishing close-ups that captured every sweat cascade on West's forehead and every scrunched expression on Jay-Z's face. The lighting design was also invigorating: flickering white spotlights near the show's close used the full volume of the place and felt like a tactile art piece, and the flame bursts on "Dirt Off Your Shoulder" were expertly timed and felt almost percussive. West had the better personal light displays — rapping inside a rotating white square on "Can't Tell Me Nothing," or amid crawling sine waves on "Flashing Lights."

Most of the stock video on the overhead screens consisted of nature footage — hungry-looking jungle cats and hungry-looking birds and hungry-looking wolves and more. After "Welcome to the Jungle," both men stood with their backs to the crowd and stared up at the screens, where a leopard stalked, then devoured, an antelope. There were no opening acts and no special guests. The very capable backing band was largely shrouded in darkness. The pair of hydraulic towers, which revealed LCD screens when raised, were not overused. □



Jay-Z, left, performs together with Kanye West, at a concert for their "Watch the Throne" tour at the Izod Center in East Rutherford, N.J. The Jay-Z-Kanye West tour is in support of the collaborative album they released in August with the same name.

(Willie Davis/The New York Times)



Jay-Z, left, performs together with Kanye West, at a concert for their "Watch the Throne" tour at the Izod Center in East Rutherford, N.J.

(Willie Davis/The New York Times)

West infused the police officer part with the humor it can sometimes lack, and

whose title is mostly printably abridged to "Paris," they brushed each other's

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Designer Eva Zissu Hosted an After-Party at Casa Tua Barcelona



ORANJESTAD — Designer Eva Zissu who calls Caracas, Aruba and Miami her home, showed a tremen-

dous handbag collection with the Venezuelan Group Show on Friday, at the Renaissance Convention

Center, during the Aruba In Style 2011, fashion week. Her creative pieces were received with great enthusiasm, including the signature animal prints, and artistic beading – some of her collection is available for sale in Aruba at San Marina, Palm Beach Plaza Mall. On Saturday night Eva hosted an after-party at Casa Tua Barcelona attended by all models, designers, celebrities and glitterati, accompanied by the restaurant's delicious hors d'oeuvres, wines and cocktails. Song bird Angela Croes entertained the glamorous crowd with her Rumba Flamenco repertory to the wee hours. Pictured here unforgettable party moment at Casa Tua



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Haping Lee shines at conference

Aruban UCF student makes a presentation in Amsterdam

ORANJESTAD - Haping Lee is currently studying for her master's degree in Mass Communication at University of Central Florida (UCF) as a participant of the Latin

ference was a gathering of scholars and industry practitioners for discussing corporate social responsibility. One of the goals of the conference was to con-



America/Caribbean Scholarship Program with the assistance of Aruba Scholarship Foundation.

She was selected to present her research paper in collaboration with Dr. Sherry Holladay at the first International Corporate Social Responsibility conference in Amsterdam held Oct 26th to Oct 28th, 2011. The con-

nect the research work of social scientists with real industry practitioners.

Haping was selected to present her work in front of her peers and industry consultants.

With the sponsorship of the UCF Graduate Studies and the Nicholson School of Communication, Haping was able to participate



and represent her school UCF.

The title of her research paper is "Promoting corporate philanthropic efforts through social media." It is a study on how Fortune 100 companies report their philanthropic efforts through social media such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

She says she learned a lot during those two days and is currently working with Dr. Holladay to have her conference paper published in a scholarly journal.

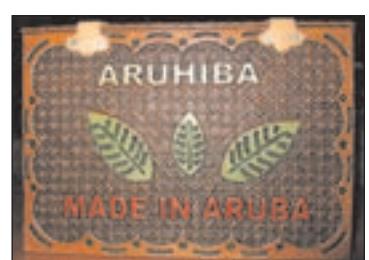
The paper's co-author Dr. Holladay is a well-respected scholar with over 15 years of experience in the field of communication

in specific crisis communication and corporate social responsibility. She and her husband Dr. Timothy Coombs have cooperated on several scholarly papers and books. Dr. Holladay is the co-author of *Managing Corporate Social Responsibility: A Communication Approach*

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from Holland; the wines are represented and imported by Arion Wine Company of vinologist Govert van der Hout. He and Marc Bourrelly from Diva California, who represents major wine labels from California, will be present at Passions on the Beach to enlighten and inform the guests about the complex and stunning

wines that will be poured. The evening will start off with an Amuse Bouche Sampler, to which a 2010 Murrieta's Well 'The Whip' from the Livermore Valley will be poured. As a Marinated Skate Wing with Capers is served, a 2008 Jordan Vineyards Chardonnay from the Russian River Valley, Sonoma, will fill the glasses.

The hot appetizer is Soft Polenta with Brie Cheese, Sautéed Forrest Mushrooms and a Truffle Broth to which a seductive 2007 Schug Winery Pinot Noir from the Sonoma Coast is matched. The Main Course at Passions on the Beach is also autumnal: Loin of Venison with a Brown Pomegranate Sauce, toasted Pista-

chos and a fluffy Potato Mash. The perfect accompaniment to this will be the 2006 Silverado Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon from the Napa Valley. And to top it all off there will a dessert of Mixed Berries with a Vanilla Sauce with a 2008 Wente Vineyards Late Harvest Riesling Arroyo Seco Monterey.□

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Designer Nights at EQ3 draw a large crowd



EAGLE-- EQ3 Furniture + Accents on Schotlandstraat 45, across the street from Ling & Sons Supercenter hosted two very successful Designer Nights this past week, events designed to help customers refresh and update the interiors of their homes with contemporary flair. Eric Martineau, EQ3's Canada-based Director of Visual Merchandising, was flown to Aruba especially for the occasion, and he spent an informative hour discussing fun Mix and Match décor, sprinkling Innovative Design for Modern Living, over existing home furnishings.

On the following day Glen Goddijn, Aruba's government public space design advisor talked about one

of his dream projects, an observation deck on top Hooiberg, and later shared his décor philosophy with

guests, enjoying delicious wines by Pepia Est and tasty hors d'oeuvres by Pa piamento restaurant.

Store Manager Lynn Maduro offered an EQ3 chaise to be raffled among guests attending the two nights and real estate agent Miriam Engeln won the top prize, drawn by the innocent hand of Germaine Wever, assisted by Eric Martineau.

Pictured here, images from Designer Nights at EQ3 Furniture + Accents; EQ3 is a Canadian-based lifestyle concept which inspires the intimate place we call home. EQ3 offers a fresh

new look in contemporary furniture to the local home furnishings market. The store is open Monday to Friday from 10 to 6.□



Roger Federer wins 2nd title of the season

Switzerland's Roger Federer poses with the trophy after winning the Swiss Indoors tennis tournament against Japan's Kei Nishikori at the St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011.

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LSU locks up No. 1

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—LSU put a lock on the top spot, Oklahoma State moved up to No. 2 for the best ranking in school history, and Alabama slipped to No. 4 in The Associated Press Top 25 poll after losing a 1 vs. 2 showdown against the Tigers.

LSU received 59 out of 60 first-place votes Sunday after beating the Crimson Tide 9-6 in overtime in Tuscaloosa, Ala., the night before. Oklahoma State moved up one spot after a wild 52-45 victory against Kansas State and Stanford also inched up to No. 3.

Alabama slipped two spots. Boise State remained No. 5 with one first-place vote.

LSU, Oklahoma State, Stanford, Boise State and No. 11 Houston are the remaining unbeaten teams in major college football. The Cougars (9-0) have their best ranking in the AP poll since 1991.

The rest of the top 10 was No. 6 Oregon, followed by Oklahoma, Arkansas, Clemson and Virginia Tech. After Houston was Penn State at No. 12, Michigan State, Georgia and South Carolina at No. 15.

No. 16 was Wisconsin, followed by Kansas State, Nebraska, Southern California and Georgia Tech at No. 20.

The final five were Texas, which moved back into the rankings for the second time this season, Michigan, Cincinnati, Auburn and No. 25 Southern Mississippi. □

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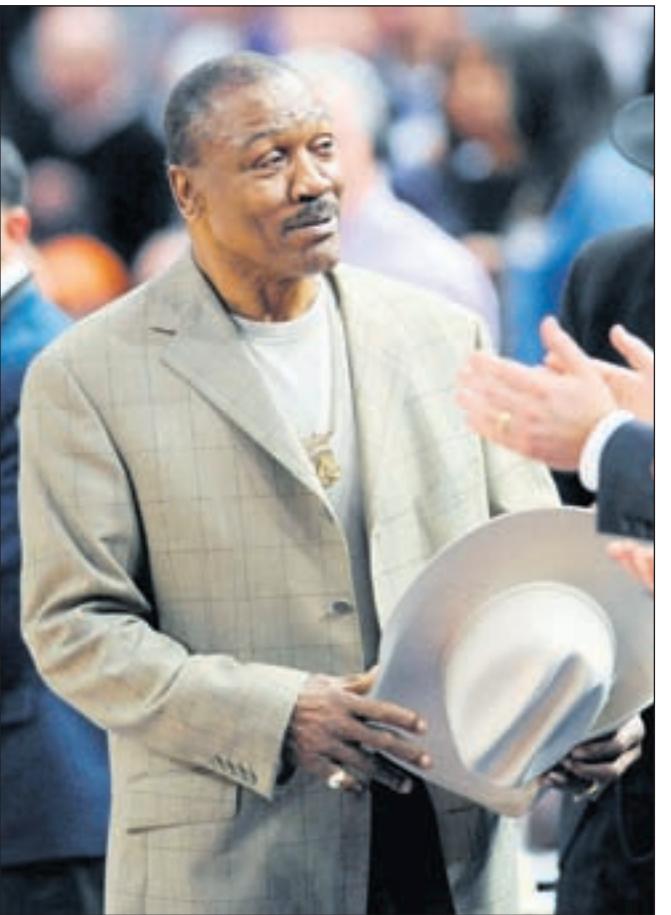


Dolphins throttle Chiefs for first win

Miami Dolphins tight end Anthony Fasano (80) celebrates his touchdown with center Mike Pouncey (51) during the first half of an NFL football game against the Kansas City Chiefs in Kansas City, Mo., on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011.

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Ex-heavyweight champ Joe Frazier has liver cancer



In this March 7, 2011, file photo, former heavyweight boxing champion Joe Frazier is introduced to the crowd at a New York Knicks NBA basketball game against the Utah Jazz at Madison Square Garden, in New York.

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DAN GELSTON
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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Former heavyweight champion Joe Frazier has liver cancer and is under hospice care. The 67-year-old boxer was diagnosed four or five weeks ago, Frazier's personal and business manager said on Saturday. Leslie Wolff told The Associated Press the doctors have not yet told Frazier how long he has to live. "We have medical experts looking into all the options that are out there," Wolff said. "There are very few. But that doesn't mean we're going to stop looking." Wolff, who has been Frazier's manager for seven years, said the boxer had been in and out of the hospital since early October and receiving hospice treatment for the last week. "We appreciate every prayer we can get," Wolff said. "I've got everybody praying for him. We'll just keep our fingers crossed and hope for a miracle."

Frazier was the first man to

beat Muhammad Ali, knocking him down and taking a decision in the so-called Fight of the Century in 1971. He would go on to lose two more fights to Ali, including the epic "Thrilla in Manila." Frazier was bitter for many years about the way Ali treated him then. More recently, he said he had forgiven Ali for repeatedly taunting him. Smokin' Joe was a small yet ferocious fighter who smothered his opponents with punches, including a devastating left hook he used to end many of his fights early. It was the left hook that dropped Ali in the 15th round of their "Fight of the Century" at Madison Square Garden in 1971 to seal a win in a bout where each fighter earned an unheard of \$2.5 million. While that fight is celebrated in boxing lore, Ali and Frazier put on an even better show in their third fight, held in a sweltering arena in Manila as part of Ali's world tour of fights in 1975. Nearly blinded by Ali's punches, Frazier still wanted

to go out for the 15th round of the fight but was held back by trainer Eddie Futch in a bout Ali would later say was the closest thing to death he could imagine. Frazier won the heavyweight title in 1970 by stopping Jimmy Ellis in the fifth round of their fight at Madison Square Garden. He defended it successfully four times before George Foreman knocked him down six times in the first two rounds to take the title from him in 1973. Frazier would never be heavyweight champion again. In recent years, Frazier had been doing regular autograph appearances, including one in Las Vegas the weekend of a Floyd Mayweather Jr. fight in September. "I was very sad to hear the news. It's a tragedy," leading British promoter Frank Warren said. "He's one of the greatest fighters of his generation and one of the best heavyweights in history. It's a sad thing and I know everyone in boxing will be wishing him well." □



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Federer beats Nishikori to win Swiss Indoors title

GRAHAM DUNBAR

AP Sports Writer

BASEL, Switzerland (AP) —

Roger Federer ended his 10-month trophy drought on Sunday by outclassing Kei Nishikori 6-1, 6-3 in the Swiss Indoors final.

Federer was emotional as he thanked his hometown fans after winning for the fifth time in six years at the event where he once worked as a ballboy.

"It's always the greatest for me to win the title here. See you next year," he said on court in Swiss-German.

Federer showed the full range of his shot-making to school the 32nd-ranked Japanese, who stunned top-ranked Novak Djokovic in the semifinals.

"He was too good for me today," said the 21-year-old Nishikori, who described Federer as "my idol. I tried to do my best but he wouldn't let me."

Federer's 68th career title was just his second this season.

He won the season-opening event in Doha, Qatar, and had not reached a final since losing in the French Open to Rafael Nadal in June.

Now ranked No. 4 at age 30, Federer was playing his first event as a player ranked outside the top three since he won his first Wimbledon title in 2003.

"It's been a great week. I got better as the week went on and I saved the best for last," he said.

Nishikori started brightly on his own serve but Federer broke after reeling off three straight winners.

Federer dropped just one point on his own serve in the first set and fired flat ground strokes to all corners of the court.

He repeatedly pressured Nishikori's serve and took the set on his opponent's double fault.

Nishikori fended off break point chances to hold serve early in the second, then showed his speed and defensive strengths by outlasting Federer in a long

rally. The reprieve was brief and Federer broke again to lead 4-2.

He was serving for the match when Nishikori earned his first breakpoint chance, which Federer saved with a powerful serve. Federer took his first match point with an overhead smash at the net as Nishikori scurried to field

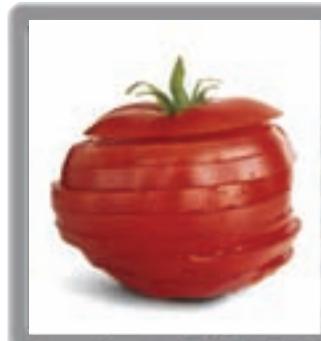
shots deep beyond the baseline. Nishikori will rise to a career-best ATP ranking around No. 25 on Monday, also the best ever by a Japanese man. The Basel lineup originally included five top-10 players with Federer and Djokovic returning from six-week breaks after the U.S. Open and Davis Cup matches. □



Switzerland's Roger Federer kisses the trophy after winning the Swiss Indoors tennis tournament against Japan's Kei Nishikori at the St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011.

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Dolphins pick up first win, 31-3 over Chiefs

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP)

— The Miami Dolphins are no longer winless. Matt Moore threw for 244 yards and three touchdowns, Reggie Bush had 92 yards rushing and another score and the Dolphins walloped the Kansas City Chiefs 31-3 on Sunday.

Moore, who took over after Chad Henne had season-ending shoulder surgery, became the first Dolphins quarterback since Chad Pennington in 2008 to throw three TD passes. Two of them went to tight end Anthony Fasano and another to Brandon Marshall, who finished with eight catches for 106 yards.

The win by the Dolphins (1-7) leaves the Indianapolis Colts (0-9) as the NFL's only winless team.

Matt Cassel was 20 of 39 for 253 yards for Kansas City (4-4), which came into the game with a four-game winning streak.

*Falcons 31, Colts 7

At Indianapolis, Julio Jones caught touchdown passes of 50 and 80 yards to keep Indianapolis winless.

The Falcons (5-3) won their third straight and earned their first road victory in a series that dates to 1966. The Colts have lost five straight home games for the first

time since 2001, and this defeat was every bit as lopsided as the score.

Indianapolis gave up 14 points off two turnovers, failed to score on offense and did not produce a first down during a span of nearly 30 minutes.

Jones caught three passes from Matt Ryan for 131 yards and two touchdowns in his return from a hamstring injury. The rookie also ran twice for 33 yards.

*49ers 19, Redskins 11

At Landover, Maryland, Frank Gore ran for 107 yards, and the NFL's stingiest scoring defense forced three turnovers as San Francisco ran its winning streak to six games.

The 49ers improved to 7-1 and have their longest winning streak since 1997. They are also 4-0 on the road for the first time since 1992 and hold a commanding lead in the NFC West.

Alex Smith completed 17 of 24 passes for 200 yards. He hit rookie fullback Bruce Miller late in the first half for the seventh-round draft pick's first career touchdown. David Akers kicked four field goals.

The Redskins (3-5) lost their fourth straight. They ended a drought of seven quarters without a touchdown when they scored with 1:10



to play.

*Jets 27, Bills 11

At Orchard Park, New York, Mark Sanchez threw a touchdown to Santonio Holmes, and the Jets' sturdy defense forced three turnovers in a key AFC East midseason showdown.

Sanchez's 8-yard pass to Holmes with 3:27 left in the third quarter helped blow open the game as the Jets (5-3) won their third straight — and first on the road — to move into a tie with the Bills (5-3). LaDainian Tomlinson also scored on a 1-yard dive in the second half, three plays after Jim Leon-

hard recovered Fred Jackson's fumble.

Ryan Fitzpatrick threw two interceptions before adding a touchdown with 3:14 left in Buffalo's first home loss.

*Saints 27, Buccaneers 16

At New Orleans, Drew Brees passed for 258 yards and two touchdowns, and New Orleans running backs combined for 195 yards rushing. Brees' scoring passes went for 3 yards to Lance Moore and 21 yards to Darren Sproles. Pierre Thomas added a tackle-breaking 9-yard score for the Saints (6-3), who saw their running

game bounce back after gaining only 56 yards in a humbling loss at St. Louis a week earlier.

Despite losing cornerback Tracy Porter to a neck injury early in the game, New Orleans held Tampa Bay (4-4) without a touchdown until Josh Freeman hit Kellen Winslow with 5:33 left.

Freeman had 256 yards passing, but was routinely pressured into making poor throws.

*Cowboys 23, Seahawks 13

At Arlington, Texas, Tony Romo shook off an inefficient first half to throw for a pair of touchdowns. □



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Geoffrey Mutai, Firehiwot Dado win at NYC Marathon

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AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—Geoffrey Mutai shattered the course record in the New York City Marathon on Sunday, which was no surprise after he ran the fastest marathon ever earlier this year. The Kenyan has turned in two eye-popping performances in seven months in races without pace-setters and figures to be the favorite at next summer's London Games — if he can make the Olympic team in a country so deep in the sport.

In the women's race, Firehiwot Dado wasn't expected to win and trailed with a few miles left. But the Ethiopian made a stunning comeback for her first major marathon title. Mutai finished in 2 hours, 5 minutes, 6 seconds, crushing the previous mark of 2:07:43 set by Tesfaye Jifar of Ethiopia a decade earlier. In April, Mutai ran the fastest 26.2 miles in history: 2:03:02 in Boston. It didn't count as a world record because the course is considered too straight and too downhill.

"I am happy now because even although it was not recognized, I'm happy to be at that level," Mutai said. "And I know one day, maybe I can come to do something. The course here — it was tough. But the weather was so good. I think I'll try to maintain myself to prove it right." With little wind on a cool, sunny day, the conditions were perfect for fast times. The second- and third-place finishers also broke the old course record. Fellow Kenyan Emmanuel Mutai (no relation), the London



Dado Firehiwot, of Ethiopia, crosses the finish line first in the women's division at the New York City Marathon in New York, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011.

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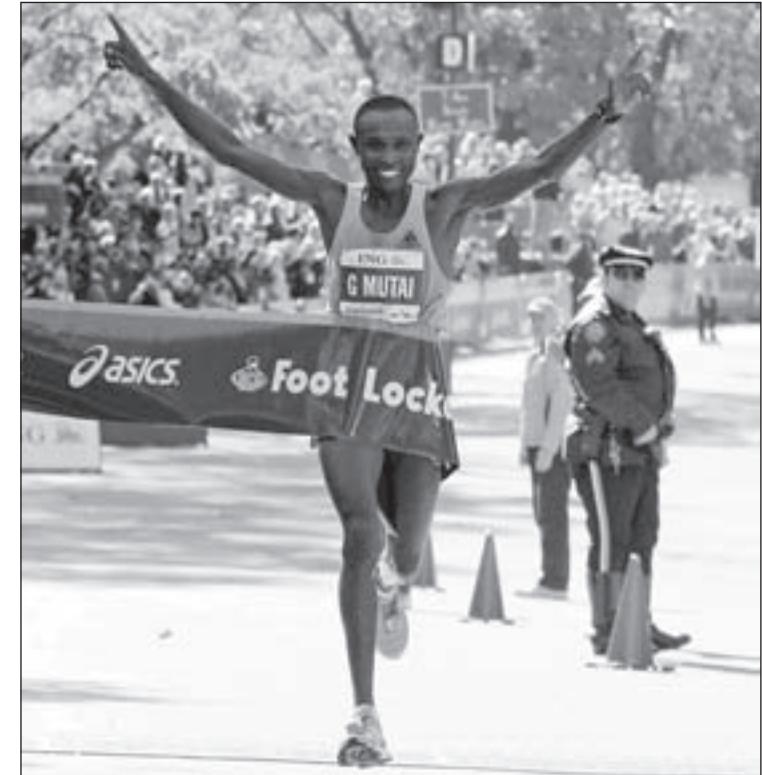
Marathon champ and course-record holder, ran a 2:06:28. Tsegaye Kebede of Ethiopia was third in 2:07:14. Defending champion Gebre Gebremariam of Ethiopia was fourth. Dado trailed London Marathon champion Mary Keitany by nearly 2½ minutes at the 15-mile mark but passed her with about a mile left. The 27-year-old Dado won in 2:23:15 — almost a minute better than her previous personal best. "Because she'd been running so fast from the very beginning, I didn't imagine that we'd catch her," Dado said. "But when we did get closer and we saw her, I was very surprised and I was very happy." Fellow Ethiopian Buzunesh Deba, who lives in the Bronx and enjoyed vocal support, was second for her first podium finish at a major marathon, four seconds back. It was the second-closest women's finish in the race's history. □

"I'm so happy when they're cheering me," Deba said. "I know the course — I train it two times a week in Central Park."

Keitany was third, 23 seconds back. The Kenyan pulled away right from the start and was well under course-record pace for much of the race. But she faded badly over the final miles, feeling fatigue in her legs. The Ethiopians made up 32 seconds on Keitany between the 23- and 24-mile marks. When they caught her, she glanced over at them and briefly burst back ahead. But after Dado made her move, Keitany couldn't keep up, and Deba soon passed her too. "Maybe if I come next year and my body will react OK, maybe no problem," Keitany said. "I would run the same. I would not change."

The Mutais still don't know whether they'll make the Olympic team or what the selection criteria will be. They may be competing with other Kenyan stars for just one spot. Abel Kirui is the two-time defending world champion, and Patrick Makau officially broke the world record in Berlin in September with a 2:03:38 — on a flat course with pace-setters.

The 30-year-old Geoffrey Mutai earned \$200,000 for winning and setting the course record. He's the first runner to win Boston and New York in the same year since Rodgers Rop in 2002. Dado took home \$170,000. Mutai won a \$500,000 bonus as the World Marathon Majors champ. A record 47,438 runners started the race through the five boroughs. □



Geoffrey Mutai, of Kenya, celebrates after winning with a course record in the men's division at the New York City Marathon in New York, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011. Mutai finished in an unofficial time of 2 hours, 5 minutes, 6 seconds, crushing the previous mark of 2:07:43 set a decade earlier.

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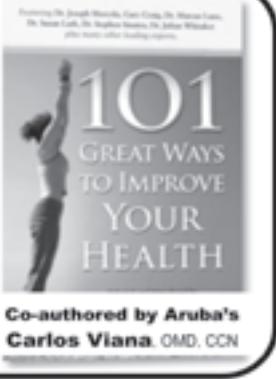
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The Who launch teen cancer program at LA hospital

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The two original members of the British rock band The Who have launched a program for teens and young adults with cancer.

Roger Daltrey and Peter Townshend pledged Friday to raise money to renovate part of the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center pediatric floor into a separate space for patients ages 15 to 25.

Townshend was unable to appear in person in Los Angeles, but sent in a video message.

The effort is being supported by other celebrities including Robert Plant of Led Zeppelin. The goal is to create rooms clustered around a common lounge area where young cancer patients can hang out with one another. Several hospitals across the country including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia already have dedicated spaces for teen cancer patients. □



Roger Daltrey, left, a member of the British rock band The Who, poses with Sarah Stern, a 17-year-old cancer survivor, during a news conference at the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles. The rock band pledged to raise money to renovate part of the hospital pediatric floor into a separate space for patients ages 15 to 25.

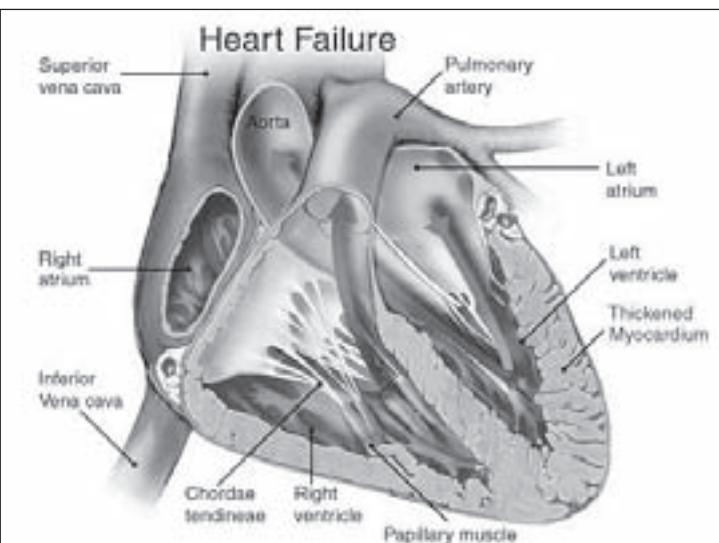
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US clears blood thinner for irregular heart beat

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. government health officials approved a next-generation blood thinner called Xarelto to treat a common heart problem that can lead to stroke. The Food and Drug Administration officials approved the drug from Johnson & Johnson and German drugmaker Bayer to prevent strokes in patients with atrial fibrillation, a condition that causes the heart's upper chambers beat chaotically and ineffectively. The irregular heartbeats can cause blood clots which travel to the brain, blocking blood flow and occasionally

causing a stroke. "This approval gives doctors and patients another treatment option for a condition that must be managed carefully," said Dr. Norman Stockbridge, director of FDA's cardiovascular and renal products division.

The once-a-day pill was first approved in July to prevent strokes in patients receiving hip and knee replacements. For more than half a century, atrial fibrillation patients have relied on the tough-to-use blood thinner warfarin, sold under the brand name Coumadin. Doctors often have trouble gauging the right dose of



the drug for each patient. Too much warfarin can cause dangerous internal bleeding, and too little can

result in strokes. In a setback for the drugs' developers, the FDA did not approve a manufac-

turer-requested claim that Xarelto was superior at preventing stroke and blood clots when compared with warfarin. Instead the FDA states that the companies' 14,000-patient study showed Xarelto and warfarin were about the same in preventing stroke. Also, the FDA added a boxed safety warning, the most serious kind, stating that patients should not stop taking Xarelto without notifying their doctors first. Discontinuing the drug can increase the risk of stroke. Numerous drugmakers have been working to develop an updated alternative to warfarin. Last October, the FDA approved the first alternative to warfarin for atrial fibrillation — Pradaxa, known chemically as dabigatran, made by the German company Boehringer Ingelheim. That drug's label states that the daily pill "significantly reduced" stroke and blood clots in a study of 18,000 patients. □

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Where the girls are: Technology and Biology

CHRISTOPHER DREW

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Increasing the number of women in science and technology has been an important goal for universities and industries, and substantial progress has surely been made. More women than ever major in STEM fields. Still, women earn only 17 to 18 percent of the bachelor's degrees in engineering and computer science, and just over 40 percent in the physical sciences and math. Where are the women? Clustered in the life sciences. About 58 percent of all bachelor's, master's and doctorates in biology are awarded to women. But except for medical students, salary prospects are lower in biology, and research jobs, the most coveted of pursuits, hard to come by.

"Women historically have been interested in subjects that were less math intensive and that had goals of helping people, and biology and the medical sciences have both of those," says Paula E. Stephan, an economist at Georgia State University whose new book, "How Economics Shapes Science," will be published soon by Harvard University Press. Young women, she says, don't realize they are

limiting their pay and job options by flocking to the same field.

More than 86,000 biology majors graduate each year, to compete for entry-level positions in research, environmental monitoring, health care and teaching. Salaries start at \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year, college placement offices say, compared with \$55,000 to \$65,000 for graduates in computer fields and engineering.

Spending six or more years to earn a doctorate doesn't pay off, either. There is such a glut of biology Ph.D.s that only 14 percent find tenure-track academic jobs within six years.

Younger Ph.D.s face the biggest problems. Many entered graduate school when federal financing for health research surged a decade ago. But most of the money to fight cancer and search for other breakthroughs went to established researchers. At the same time, in the face of financial realities, universities are clamping down on tenure-track spots in all fields. As a result, many new Ph.D.s are stuck in one postdoctoral research job after another, helping run laboratories set up by senior scientists, waiting to see if



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they can win a permanent academic appointment. Starting pay is low, \$37,000 to \$40,000, and more than a third of biologists are still working in these and other non-tenure-track jobs

six years after receiving their Ph.D.s. Others teach at community colleges or high schools, jobs that would not have required as much training, or work for industry or the government.

Federal, state and local agencies employ 40 percent of biologists at all degree levels, and they are tightening their budgets. The pharmaceutical industry has laid off 300,000 workers over the past decade, and is outsourcing basic research jobs to India and China. But there's cheerful news: Biotechnology companies, which fueled much of the growth in jobs in recent decades, are still expanding, albeit at a more moderate pace. The Bureau of Labor Statistics also suggests that growth in health and environmental technologies will offset some of the cuts. And women in biology can take solace in knowing they make more than humanities majors, who are lucky to start in the mid-30s. □



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Bp's sale of Argentine energy stake collapses

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BP's plan to sell its majority stake in the Argentine oil producer Pan American Energy for \$7.1 billion collapsed on Sunday after the would-be buyer, Bridas Corp., backed out.

But BP, the British oil giant, said that the deal's collapse should have little significant effect on its financial health.

Bridas, a joint venture between Bridas Energy of Argentina and Cnooc of China, said in a statement that it had withdrawn its offer to buy BP's 60 percent stake in Pan American because "certain conditions precedent to the completion of the deal were not obtained as expected." Bridas currently owns 40 percent of Pan American, which is one of Argentina's biggest oil producers.

Among those conditions were approvals from Chinese and Argentine regulators, which had not been received by a deadline last Tuesday.

Under the terms of the deal agreement, either BP or Bridas was free to terminate the sale anytime after that date.

Bridas officially informed BP of its intentions in a fax sent late Saturday night, according to David Nicholas, a BP spokesman. BP will refund a \$3.5 billion deposit that Bridas paid. That move is not expected to have an effect on the British com-



BP's Texas City refinery in Texas City, Texas. BP will pay Texas \$50 million after the sides reached an unprecedented settlement over air pollution violations at the beleaguered oil giant's Gulf Coast refinery, the site of a massive explosion in 2005 that killed 15 people.

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pany's finances.

The collapse of the deal followed an attempt by BP to sell off assets to help pay for the cleanup of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. Even after the sale's termination, BP has still reached agreements to sell about \$19 billion worth of assets, and it intends to sell \$45 billion worth by the end of 2013. But BP said that completing the Pan American deal

was much less important now. Its finances had improved since the deal was announced a year ago.

"Our financial situation now is very different now," Nicholas said. "We have a much-strengthened balance sheet."

In a conference call with analysts two weeks ago, BP's chief executive, Robert Dudley said that his company did not actually need

to complete the deal, though it was working to do so.

"I do think that that deal will eventually get its approvals and agreements will be reached, but if it doesn't happen, it's absolutely fine," he said on the call.

Both BP and Bridas said in statements that they intended to continue running Pan American. □

Most US unemployed no longer have benefits

CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The jobs crisis has left so many people out of work for so long that most of America's unemployed are no longer receiving unemployment benefits.

Early last year, 75 percent were receiving checks. The figure is now 48 percent — a shift that points to a growing crisis of long-term unemployment. Nearly one-third of America's 14 million unemployed have had no job for a year or more.

Congress is expected to decide by year's end whether to continue providing emergency unemployment benefits for up to 99 weeks in the hardest-hit states. If the emergency benefits expire, the proportion of the unemployed receiving aid would fall further. The ranks of the poor would also rise.

The Census Bureau says unemployment benefits kept 3.2 million people from slipping into poverty last year. It defines poverty as annual income below \$22,314 for a family of four.

Yet for a growing share of the unemployed, a vote in Congress to extend the benefits to 99 weeks is irrelevant. They've had no job for more than 99 weeks. They're no longer eligible for benefits. □

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Thai floods wash over supply chains

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Three weeks after monsoon runoff swamped more than 1,000 factories across central Thailand, the brown, corrosive floodwaters have only slightly receded, leaving the world's largest computer makers uncertain about when crucial parts will be once again available.

Consumers worldwide could see increases of at least 10 percent in the price of external hard drives because of the flooding, said Fang Zhang, an analyst at IHS iSuppli, a market research company.

The image of Thailand as a land of temples, beaches and smiles has been reinforced over the years by the country's tourism advertising campaigns.

But the flooding, the worst in at least five decades, has revealed to the world the scale of Thailand's industrialization and the extent to which two global industries, computers and cars, rely on components made here.

"Surely one of the inevitable impacts of this is that never again will so much be concentrated in so few places," said John Monroe, an expert on storage devices at Gartner, a technology research firm. He estimates that it will take a full year for hard-drive production to return to pre-flood levels of 190 million units per quarter. □

Small businesses in Greece are being devastated

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ATHENS, Greece — The tiny jewelry shop in the working-class Athens neighborhood was open for business — barely.

The shop's proprietor, Tassos (he preferred not to disclose his last name), has not had a sale in more than three months. Because he cannot afford to pay his electricity bills, there was no light to illuminate his storefront display of jewels.

Like most shell-shocked Greeks here, he has, over the past few months, spent more time watching television than conducting commerce as Greek politicians veered from one political crisis to another. His senses have been battered with all possibilities of a disaster, not least the prospect that Greece might leave the euro. The effect on his small business — which he says may have to close — has been devastating. His regular customers, whom he rarely sees these days, owe him 14,000 euros, or \$19,300, and those that he does see are looking to pawn their family heirlooms to get by.

"The politicians are playing games with the people," he said, his eyes red with exhaustion and stress. "This city is boiling. I am not a protester, but soon the top on the kettle will pop." That the Greek economy is in a downward spiral from a relentless program of austerity is well known. Greek manufacturing saw one of its sharpest falls ever in October, and this year overall production is expected to contract by more than 6 percent. What has not yet

shown up in the official figures, though, is the extent to which the crisis atmosphere has brought the economy to a virtual standstill.

Auto sales have essentially halted and are at their lowest level since 1993. People who do have cars have trouble paying to operate them. In the last three months, the number of uninsured drivers increased by 500,000, bringing the total to 1.5 million.

Small shops, in many ways the lifeblood of the Greek economy, which relies on

Since January 2010, Greek banks have lost 46 billion euros in deposits — or about 20 percent of annual economic output. But bankers here say that in September and October the numbers picked up substantially, with estimates ranging from 10 billion to 15 billion euros for just these two months alone.

Dimitris, a retired truck driver who also did not want to have his full identity revealed, recently sent his 50,000 euros in life savings to Sweden because, as

intense than the outrage expressed toward Europe and the International Monetary Fund. Politicians here rarely venture out into public places, and when they do, even the most obscure member of Parliament is accompanied by at least one bodyguard.

All of which is giving rise to talk that, instead of putting forward another coalition of failed parties and leaders, new people with new ideas outside the political establishment should be brought in.

They include Lucas D. Papademos, a former vice president of the European Central Bank, and Stefanos Manos, a former economy minister for the New Democracy Party who has long argued that until Greece lays off a large chunk of its inefficient public work force any hope of true reform is hopeless.

Manos' latest program is even more controversial. He proposes that as much as 300 billion euros worth of Greek assets be put into a vast "goody bag," including plots of land, sites of historical significance and even prized islands, as collateral to secure an immediate 75 billion euro loan from Europe that would be used to buy discounted Greek bonds and pay off debtors. In return, Greece would agree to sell most of the assets in the goody bag within the next 10 years or so and pay back the loan — with a bit left over, he hopes.

"Call me a taboo killer if you will," he said. "Fire Greek workers, sell Greek islands — politicians here have to overcome their taboos." □



Greece's Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos arrives for a cabinet meeting at the parliament in Athens on Sunday, Nov. 6 2011. Greek leaders struggled for a second day to end an ongoing political crisis, under intense pressure to ensure the country doesn't go bankrupt in the next few weeks and that it remains in the eurozone. Papandreou informed cabinet members that he asked Greek President Karolos Papoulias for an urgent meeting with opposition leader Antonis Samaras.

(AP Photo/Kostas Tsironis)

domestic demand, are shuttering by the day. And, most acutely, the heightened speculation that Greece might have to return to the drachma has given new impetus to the flood of money leaving Greek banks — money to be deposited abroad, stashed at home or in one's car and most certainly not spent.

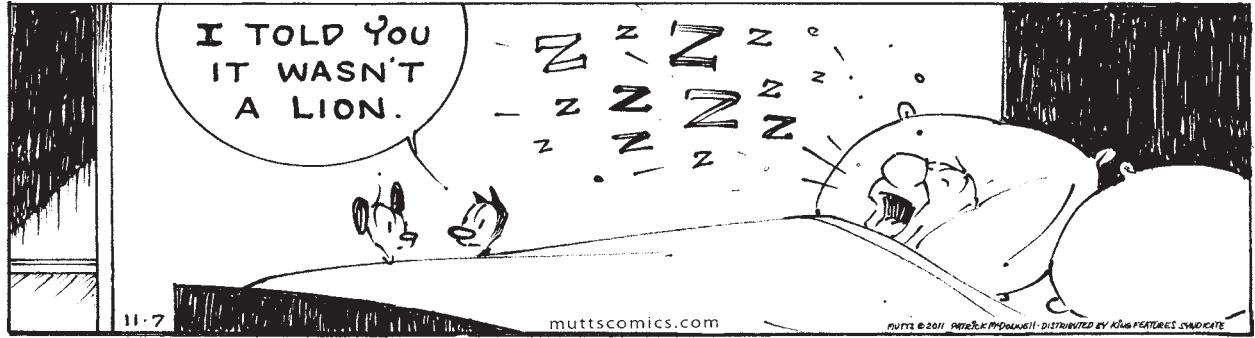
he put it, "Greece is going bankrupt."

And he has no doubt where the blame lies.

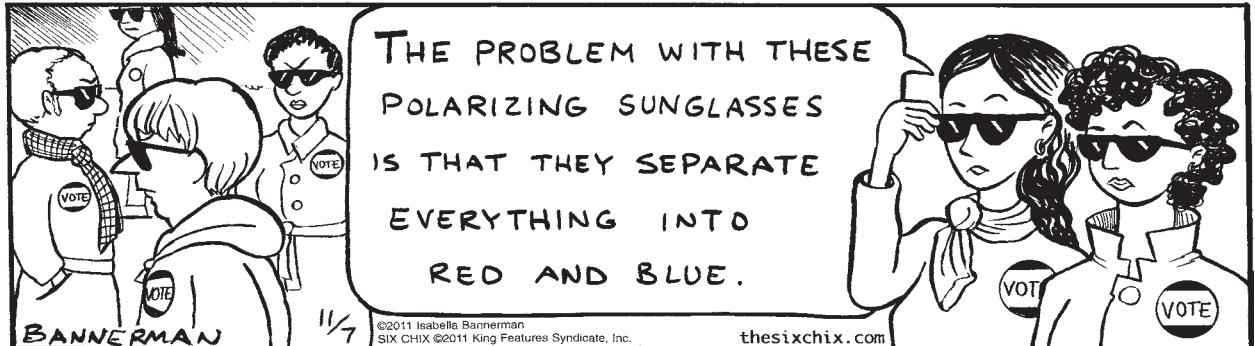
"I am impressed that the people have not yet stormed into Parliament and burned the politicians alive — like a souvlaki," he said.

The vitriol toward politicians is in many ways more

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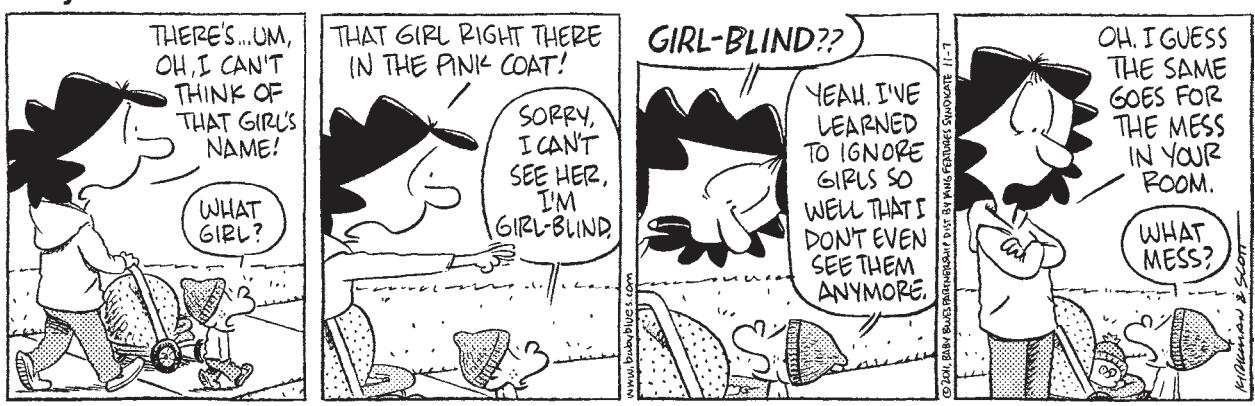
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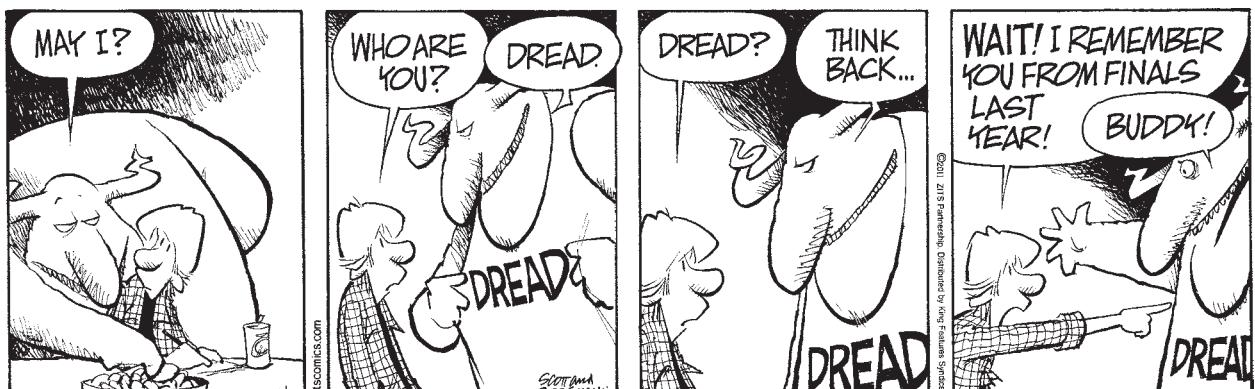
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14 Leaning
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16 Pale in the face
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20 Idler
21 Shows courage
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27 Intertwined
28 Dip, as a donut
29 Offers
30 Bullets
31 Narcotic
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34 Get by devious means
35 Walking sticks
36 Group formed to help a sheriff
37 Voting alliance
38 Howl pitifully

39 Fashion show participant
40 Poor box donation
41 Mom's sister
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45 Actress Moore
46 Mom's brother
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Today in History

Today is Monday, November 7, the 311th day of 2011. There are 54 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1659 - Peace of the Pyrenees is reached between Spain and France.

1733 - Spain and France sign the Treaty of Escorial and form an alliance against England.

1874 - The Republican Party is symbolized as an elephant in a cartoon drawn by Thomas Nast in Harper's Weekly magazine.

1916 - Republican Jeannette Rankin of Montana becomes the first woman elected to the U.S. Congress.

1917 - Bolsheviks seize the Winter Palace in St. Petersburg during the October Revolution. According to the Julian calendar, still in use in Russia, the date was October 25.

1919 - Socialists depose the king of Bavaria, ending the rule of one of Europe's oldest dynasties, and proclaim a republic.

1939 - Sovereigns of Belgium and Holland approach Britain's King George VI advocating peace with Germany.

1944 - U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt wins an unprecedented fourth term in office, defeating Thomas E. Dewey.

1950 - The king of Nepal is deposed by the state's hereditary prime minister. The king's 3-year-old grandson, Prince Gyanendra, is installed as ruler. The deposed king favored demands for increased popular government in the nation, which is ruled by the prime minister.

1956 - British and French declare a cease-fire in Egypt, but Britain says it will evacuate troops only on arrival of U.N. Emergency Force.

1966 - Chinese diplomats walk out of the Bolshevik Anniversary celebration in Moscow after hearing Soviet criticism of Chinese government.

1967 - Carl Stokes is elect-



Today is Christopher Knight's birthday

ed the first black mayor of a major city — Cleveland, Ohio; U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson signs a bill establishing the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

1972 - Richard M. Nixon is re-elected as U.S. president.

1973 - United States and Egypt announce they will resume diplomatic relations and exchange ambassadors; Congress overrides U.S. President Richard M. Nixon's veto of the War Powers Act, which limits a chief executive's power to wage war without congressional approval.

1987 - Tunisia's President Habib Bourguiba is removed from office by his prime minister who says the 84-year-old leader is senile.

1988 - Powerful earthquake just inside China's mountainous southern border kills 600 people.

1989 - Multiparty elections held in Namibia under a U.N. peace plan is a step toward independence; David N. Dinkins is elected New York City's first black mayor.

1990 - Shots are fired near Mikhail Gorbachev during

Soviet Union's Revolution Day parade; Irish voters elect a radical feminist to presidency.

1991 - Basketball star Magic Johnson announces he has tested positive for the AIDS virus and will retire.

1992 - King Hussein of Jordan tells Iraqis it is time to put an end to the government of Saddam Hussein.

1993 - Palestinian gunmen fire on a rabbi's car and Jewish settlers in the occupied territories riot.

1994 - The former head of a Bosnian Serb concentration camp becomes the first to be charged with war crimes after World War II when the War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague issues its first indictment.

1995 - Three American servicemen plead guilty to raping a 12-year-old Okinawan schoolgirl. The attack outrages the Japanese and strains ties between Japan and the United States.

1996 - A Nigerian airliner carrying 141 people crashes into swamp land east of Lagos, killing all aboard.

1997 - Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi signs a package of reforms aimed at making Kenya a multi-party democracy.

1998 - Colombian soldiers pull out from a region the size of Switzerland, the government's boldest concession to rebels in 34 years of civil war.

1999 - On the eve of final status talks with the Palestinians, three pipe bombs explode in an Israeli beach town and wound 33 people.

2000 - Americans choose Republican George W. Bush as president over Democratic Vice President

Al Gore by 537 votes. The results of the election were not known for more than a month because of a dispute over the vote count in Florida.

2001 - Opposition forces claim another victory against the Taliban in northern Afghanistan as some of their forces advance to just 13 kilometers (8 miles) outside the strategic city of Mazar-e-Sharif.

2004 - Egypt denies it has a secret nuclear weapons program in an angry response to reports that the U.N. atomic watchdog agency is investigating the discovery of plutonium particles near an Egyptian nuclear facility.

2005 - Former Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori is arrested in Chile on charges involving corruption and massacres as he returns home to run for re-election after five years as a protected exile in Japan. Fujimori, target of an international arrest warrant, faces extradition to Peru. □



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Former '60 Minutes' commentator Andy Rooney dies

DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) —

Andy Rooney, the curmudgeonly commentator who spent more than 30 years wryly talking about the oddities of life for the TV news magazine "60 Minutes," died Friday night, CBS said. He was 92.

Just a month ago, Rooney delivered his last regular essay on the CBS news magazine.

CBS said he died Friday night in New York from complications from a recent surgery.

Rooney, also a syndicated newspaper columnist, talked about what was in the news. But he was just as likely to use his weekly television essay to discuss the old clothes in his closet, why banks need to have important-sounding names or whether there was a real Mrs. Smith who made Mrs. Smith's Pies.

He won four Emmy Awards, including one for his story revealing there was no Mrs. Smith.

Rooney began his "60 Minutes" commentaries in 1978 and was still at it three decades later, railing about how unpleasant air travel had become. "Let's make a statement to the airlines just to get their attention. We'll pick a week next year and we'll all agree not to go anywhere for seven days," he told viewers.

"I obviously have a knack for getting on paper what a lot of people have thought and didn't realize they thought," Rooney once said. "And they say, 'Hey, yeah!' And they like that." For many years, "60 Minutes" improbably was the most popular program on U.S. television and a dose of Rooney was what Americans came to expect for a knowing smile on the night before they had to go back to work.

In early 2009, as he was about to turn 90, he looked ahead to Barack Obama's upcoming inauguration with a look at past inaugurations. He told viewers that Calvin Coolidge's 1925 swearing-in was the first to be broadcast on radio,



In this Aug. 9, 2009 file photo, 60 Minutes' Andy Rooney, center leaves the Celebration of Life Memorial ceremony for Walter Cronkite at Avery Fisher Hall in New York. CBS says former "60 Minutes" commentator Andy Rooney died Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, at age 92.

Associated Press

adding, "That may have been the most interesting thing Coolidge ever did."

"Words cannot adequately express Andy's contribution to the world of journalism and the impact he made — as a colleague and a friend — upon everybody at CBS," said Leslie Moonves, CBS Corp. president and CEO.

Jeff Fager, CBS News chairman and "60 Minutes" executive producer, said "it's hard to imagine not having Andy around. He loved his life and he lived it on his own terms. We will miss him very much."

"60 Minutes" will end its broadcast Sunday with a tribute to Rooney by veteran correspondent Morley Safer. For his final essay, Rooney said that he'd live a life luckier than most. "I wish I could do this forever. I can't, though," he said.

He said he probably hadn't said anything on "60 Minutes" that most of his viewers didn't already know or hadn't thought. "That's what a writer does," he said. "A writer's job is to tell the truth."

True to his occasional crotchety nature, though, he complained about being famous or bothered by fans. His last wish from fans: If you see him in a restau-

rant, just let him eat his dinner. "Andy always said he wanted to work until the day he died, and he managed to do it, save the last few weeks in the hospital," said his "60 Minutes" colleague, correspondent Steve Kroft. Rooney was a freelance writer in 1949 when he encountered CBS

radio star Arthur Godfrey in an elevator and — with the bluntness millions of people learned about later — told him his show could use better writing. Godfrey hired him and by 1953, when he moved to TV, Rooney was his only writer.

He wrote for CBS' Garry Moore during the early



U.S. singer Andy Williams smiles as he speaks to reporters during his news conference at a Tokyo hotel, in this July 25, 2004 file photo.

Associated Press

BRANSON, Missouri (AP) — Singer Andy Williams told the crowd at his show Saturday night that he has bladder cancer.

The Tri-Lakes News reports the 83-year-old Williams appeared early in the show at the Moon River Theatre and vowed to return next year to celebrate his 75th

1960s before settling into a partnership with Harry Reasoner at CBS News. Given a challenge to write on any topic, he wrote "An Essay on Doors" in 1964, and continued with contemplations on bridges, chairs and women.

"The best work I ever did," Rooney said. "But nobody knows I can do it or ever did it. Nobody knows that I'm a writer and producer. They think I'm this guy on television."

Rooney angrily left CBS in 1970 when it refused to air his heated essay about the Vietnam War. He went on TV for the first time, reading the essay on PBS and winning a Writers Guild of America award for it.

He returned to CBS three years later as a writer and producer of specials. Notable among them was the 1975 "Mr. Rooney Goes to Washington," whose light-hearted but serious look at government won him a Peabody Award for excellence in broadcasting. Looking for something new to punctuate its weekly broadcast, "60 Minutes" aired its first Rooney commentary on July 2, 1978. □

Singer Andy Williams says he has bladder cancer

from a nearly full house.

The golden-voiced singer had a string of hits in the 1950s and '60s, including "Can't Get Used to Losing You" and "Butterfly, but he is best known for his version of "Moon River."

He earned 18 gold and three platinum albums in his career.

Williams hosted annual Christmas specials on television and performed Christmas shows on the road for many years. His 1963 recording, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," is a Christmas standard.

The Iowa native also hosted an Emmy-winning variety television program "The Andy Williams Show," from 1962-71. He published an autobiography, "Moon River and Me: A Memoir," in 2009. □

Bieber, Gaga dominate MTV awards in Belfast

GREGORY KATZ
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The MTV Europe Music Awards turned into a celebration of Justin Bieber and Lady Gaga Sunday night as the two picked up a number of top prizes, including best male and best female act. Gaga, striking in several outfits throughout the evening, also won for best song and best video for "Born This Way." Bieber picked up best pop act as well. Their live performances captured the differences between the two ascendant mega-stars: the teenage Bieber, wholesome and almost impossibly cute; Gaga challenging and aggressively sexual in her approach. Other awards went to Bruno Mars, Eminem and Katy Perry while the band Queen received the "Global Icon" award, in effect a lifetime achievement award to the now-graying rockers, who closed the show with a spirited set of their classics, including "We Will Rock You" and "We Are the Champions."



Justin Bieber, left, poses with his awards at the MTV European Music Awards 2011, in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011; and Singer Lady Gaga, right, poses with her awards following the MTV European Music Awards 2011, in Belfast, Northern Ireland Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011.

Associated Press

It was a rousing end to the awards show, a highlight on the European music calendar that also draws A-list stars from the United States. It was held in Belfast, Northern Ireland, for the first time. Queen guitarist Brian May said the show focused attention on how Belfast had found "true peace" after years of sectarian violence.

"It's wonderful to be in Belfast," he said. The show also included a video tribute to the late Amy Winehouse, who died earlier this year in London. But the evening was dominated by Bieber and Gaga, the two crowd favorites. The casually dressed Bieber said modestly that he had voted for competitor Kanye West



'Puss in Boots' stomps 'Tower Heist' at box office

DERRIK J. LANG
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Puss in Boots" pounced on "Tower Heist" and "Harold & Kumar" at the box office. The DreamWorks 3-D animated film, distributed by Paramount Pictures, earned \$33 million in its second weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday. The PG-rated film centering on the swashbuckling feline voiced by Antonio Banderas from the "Shrek" series surprisingly toppled the weekend's two new releases, bringing its total haul to \$75 million. Universal's PG-13 revenge romp "Tower Heist" starring Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy snatched \$25.1 million in the No. 2 spot, while the Warner Bros. R-rated sequel "A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas" with John Cho and Kal Penn unwrapped \$13 million at No. 3. Paul

Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com, said family films are tough to beat out.

"From the re-release earlier this fall of 'The Lion King' to 'Dolphin Tale' and now 'Puss in Boots,' it seems that the family audience is the one you can really count on right now," said Dergarabedian. "I think the cavalry is definitely on the way though. We've got 'Immortals' and another 'Twilight' coming up, as well as a bunch of big releases in December." Anne Globe, head of worldwide marketing and consumer products at DreamWorks, said the decision to move up the opening of "Puss in Boots" to last weekend is one reason why the film experienced just a 3-percent drop, the smallest ever for a non-holiday film, ahead of the 10-percent dip for "Twister" during its second

weekend of release in 1996. "To be No. 1 again is really extraordinary," said Globe. "It's really an unparalleled hold driven by our two-weekend release strategy, which was pretty unprecedented in and of itself. That and the amazing word of mouth has given us tremendous momentum into November, which is a better play period for an event-level movie like 'Puss in Boots.'" Another animated film dominated outside of North America. "The Adventures of Tintin," which is being distributed overseas by Sony Pictures and Paramount Pictures, scooped

up \$40.8 million as it grew from 19 to 45 international markets. The 3-D film, directed by Steven Spielberg and adapted from the Belgian comic series, opens Dec. 21 in the United States.

The 20th Century Fox science-fiction thriller "In Time" starring Justin Timberlake fell to No. 5 in U.S. after opening at No. 3 last weekend. "In Time" clocked better numbers overseas, earning \$16.6 million in 53 markets for a second-place finish behind "The Adventures of Tintin," while "Puss in Boots" scratched out third place with \$15 million in five international markets. □

child after a brief liaison. Bieber took the stage a few minutes after Gaga accepted her award in characteristic style.

"Thank you so much, I love you so much. I'm so grateful. I'm really smiling right now, but I know you can't tell," said Gaga, wearing a bizarre silver dress with an oversize tilted hat that completely covered her face except for tiny holes that allowed her to see. She joked that she had had a lot of Botox treatment. Gaga, who has enjoyed a year of spectacular commercial success, triumphed over a strong field that included a resurgent Jennifer Lopez, Adele, Katy Perry and Beyoncé.

She later won awards for best video and best song for "Born This Way." She thanked her "little monsters" for their support and said she regarded "Born This Way" as her most important work to date. She also won an award for having the best fan base.

Earlier, Perry — dressed in a mostly pink jacket and miniskirt — won the best live act award, and the American band Thirty Seconds to Mars won best alternative act and best world stage. American rapper Eminem was named best hip hop act and Linkin Park took the prize for best rock band. The show featured performances by headliners Bieber, Gaga, Bruno Mars — who won for best newcomer and for "best push" — Coldplay, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Snow Patrol and other top acts.

Chris Martin, the Coldplay frontman, joked that the band was just "warming everyone up for Justin" on his way into the awards ceremony, which was hosted by Bieber's girlfriend, the actress and singer Selena Gomez. She admitted she was nervous about her performance while being photographed on the red carpet just before the show.

The awards, which were set up in 1994, have previously featured performances by stars including U2, Paul McCartney, Take That, Beyoncé and Jay-Z. □

Women on pedestals



MAUREEN DOWD

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I was waiting for the other shoe to drop.

It didn't take long.

"Mademoiselle!" Andre Leon Talley barked at a young woman fondling a black cutout ankle boot. "That is too dominatrix for you!"

She turned a gimlet eye on the vast Vogue editor sprawled resplendently in a chair, wearing a Frank Sinatra pork-pie hat, a maroon shirt and trousers from Marrakesh, and a Paloma Picasso burnt-velvet vintage scarf.

"I want to be a dominatrix," she told him, before dropping the boot, which was pounced on by a pride of women prowling like big cats about to tear into an antelope on Animal Planet.

If you thought the recession had dampened interest in luxury accessories, you didn't see the women lined up after daybreak at the Warwick Hotel on Thursday. A room there was the scene of one of New York's most feral anthropological tableaus: the biannual Manolo Blahnik sample sale. Talley has been ringmaster of this sartorial circus for three years running.

Not since Cinderella's stepsisters mutilated their feet to squeeze into that glass slipper have women leveled such fierce desire at footwear.

At last fall's sale, two women dumped their babies on Manolo employees in the lobby as they sped into the room.

Inside, a thousand pairs of shoes are heaped on tables in plastic bags. Some scofflaws wear old shoes, leave them on a table, and sneak out with new ones.

I stopped by the 10 1/2 table to look for a Christmas present for a friend. "Have you seen any flats?" I asked a woman avidly pawing through the pile.

"If I find them," she snapped, "I won't tell you."

One young man, a lawyer, braved the female crowd to hunt for heels for his girlfriend. "Bonus points," he said slyly.

Shea Collins, an attractive brunette with a British accent, stopped by Talley's chair to prove she had the moxie to stride around Manhattan in 5-inch stilettos. She lifted her prim gray coat to show him pantyhose with a trompe l'oeil garter belt.

He let out a shriek of delight, before turning to a lovely 20-something to say her water snake knee-high boots were a "must." "They're made from some kind of fish scale," he said. "That's sort of sustainable, sort of

green."

In a sumptuous book celebrating his 20th anniversary, Christian Louboutin explained the eternal erotic allure of high heels: "It's because it gives the woman's foot the same curve" and arch "as pleasure does" in the boudoir.

Blahnik once told *The New Yorker's* Michael Specter that during his lonely childhood in the Canary Islands, he captured lizards and made shoes for them out of tinfoil saved by his mother from her Camel cigarette cartons. Now the designer makes shoes out of reptiles.

Talley, who calls Blahnik "a surrogate brother," presides like a French king, demanding "raffinement," oblivious to the cognitive dissonance of his size 15 1/2 black New Balance sneakers with Velcro straps. "You don't want Pepto Bismol pink or Tweety Bird yellow," he announces, surveying the stacks of heels. "I love anything with black sequins." Or mink pom-poms.

He calls out to a woman in white daisy sandals, "Sexy at the ocean!" and nods to another in black marabou slingsbacks: "Marlene Dietrich in 'Morocco.'"

He instructs a lady trying on brown boots:

"That white saddle stitching will fit right in, in Rockland County, sweetie — suburban chic!" (She was indeed from Rockland County.) He likes a pair of navy suede chevalier boots that a New York Post writer is wriggling into. "Very Toulouse-Lautrec in a bordello." When she can't get them zipped, he shakes his head: "Your calves are too fat. Stop going to the gym so much."

He separates a single woman from a pair of S&M stilettos. "They will help you get a night," he cautions, "not a boyfriend."

He crisply orders a woman to step away from some fringed boots — "Annie Oakley is not 'in' this year" — and shoos another away from plain black boots. "You can go to L.L. Bean for that," he snips. But he urges a third to risk some white Mongolian lamb boots mounted on shiny white patent leather: "Oh baby, you've got the hot little body for cheerleader boots. Wear them in Gstaad or St. Moritz."

She murmurs that she doesn't have that life. He bellows, "Darling, those boots will get you that life!"

A glamorous 75-year-old in a fedora looking at leopard-print stingray d'Orsay confides to Talley: "Twenty years ago I got on an elevator in d'Orsay pumps and I was engaged the next day."

A young woman approaches Talley to snap a picture of his scarf for her blog, and he is alarmed that she doesn't know that Paloma is Pablo's daughter.

"I'm from Kansas," she wails.

When a woman challenges Talley, he accuses her of wearing "mass-market platforms" into the sale. Another attempts to defy his negative edict, noting that "Kelly Bensimon has these shoes."

At that, he bristles, reminding all the women teetering and strutting on their pedestals: "I AM NEVER WRONG." □



Don't call Herman a monster



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Herman.

Just answer the questions — honestly. You know well that this "scandal" only strengthens the resolve of your base.

Here are the details in case you've been distracted by that Kardashian divorce or the California train robbers who stole \$200 worth of pigs' feet, or whatever:

There are now at least three women who have accused Herman Cain, the Republican presidential candidate, of sexual harassment. On the broad point, he has been clear. He says that he has never sexually harassed anyone. But, on the details, he's been shaky. Typical Cain. He and granularity don't get along.

There's no way for me to evaluate the veracity of the claims. The details remain murky. Anyone can accuse another of anything, innocuous actions can be perceived as predatory and there can be reasons other than guilt for settling a claim. That said,

the fact that there are now three accusers and only one denier must be considered. It's not just his word again hers. It's his word against hers and hers and hers. Furthermore, sexual harassment charges are different from other kinds of scandals. Workplace harassment by a superior is invariably about an abuse of power. So if you aspire to be the most powerful man in the world, the answers to the questions become quite relevant.

Cain's answers to date simply haven't satisfied. They've been as ham-handed as it gets. He's flip-flopped like a fresh-caught-fish in the bottom of the boat. Even if he didn't remember the allegations, surely he could have gotten and read through the settlements before submitting to interviews. Right? Right?!

Such a botched response would

have spelled trouble for a candidate of another stripe and in another time. But this is Herman Cain: the unorthodox candidate with unprecedented ascendancy in a Tea Party age. Cain isn't a regular candidate, and this isn't a regular race. He is the anti-Obama, and that absolves him from his multiplying errors and inoculates him against his enemy's poison arrows.

The fact that Cain obviously isn't presidential timber holds little weight with those who view the current resident of the White House as, at best, unqualified and, at worst, illegitimate. Cain is an "American black conservative — an ABC" who rejects prevailing wisdom among blacks about the racial state of play in America. He is a walking rebuff to the 400-year-old racism issue that continues to dog and drain this country. He lifts the burden of guilt from whites on the right and places it on the shoulders of blacks on the left — the ones still on "the Democrat plantation" and not willing or able to think for themselves. He is a fascinating sociological phenomenon but also an affront to some basic facts about the existence and impact of our racial reality.

Furthermore, he fits two prerequisites of the new right: he's anti-intellectual and anti-establishment. He's "real." He's a real guy with real passion who has had a real job but has no real understanding of government. Tea Party perfection.

And never underestimate the simple pleasure the right gets from supporting someone who so perplexes the left. Remember that lady from Alaska? That is why, barring more accusers and more detail and more flubs, this "crisis" could help, not hurt, Cain with his base. It helps him more perfectly evoke the Christlike ideal among those on the right of persecution and perseverance. Claims that

portray Cain as a predator and monster will be rejected out of hand. This isn't really about him, but the idea of him. He could be the Teflon Pawn. (On Friday, one of Cain's accusers released a statement through her attorney citing "a series of inappropriate behaviors and unwanted advances" from him. It's too soon to say whether this moves the needle.)

It is no wonder then that they are trying so hard to resurrect Clarence Thomas's 20-year-old "high-tech lynching" analogy and apply it to Cain. The symbolism is powerful and resonant: the falsely accused being strung up; the grave made for him not being able to hold him; it all happening because the world hates him for who he is, a truth-teller rejected by his own people.

Many of the far right's worst racial demagogues are falling over themselves to help paint the picture.

Rush Limbaugh who once told a black caller to "take that bone out of your nose and call me back" slithered out from underneath his rock to defend Cain from "racial stereotypes" of "the real racists," Democrats who would destroy Cain "a la Clarence Thomas." He also added: "What's next, folks? A cartoon on MSNBC showing Herman Cain with huge lips eating a watermelon?" Way to sneak that one in there, Rush. Obviously, this story needed some watermelon.

On Monday, Ann Coulter climbed off of her broom on "The Sean Hannity Show" to compare Cain to Thomas and to say that "if you are a conservative black, they will believe the most horrible sexualized fantasies of these uptight white women feminists." She continued, that's why "our blacks are so much better than their blacks" — "our" being the right and "their" being the left.

I know Media Attention Deficit Disorder is hard to treat, Ann, but seriously? Furthermore, Cain still has some very powerful backers with their hands in his back — the billionaires David and Charles Koch, the Tea Party puppeteers. On Friday, Cain spoke at their Americans for Prosperity event, proclaiming: "I am the Koch brothers' brother from another mother." Indeed.

At this point, this all seems to be working in Cain's favor. His campaign told CNN that they had raised \$1.2 million since the sexual harassment scandal broke on Sunday.

nd a new ABC News/Washington Post poll found that: "more than half of potential Republican voters say the controversy is not serious, fewer than a quarter say it makes them less likely to support Cain, and he's running essentially evenly with Mitt Romney for the Republican presidential nomination."

On Monday, Cain ended a speech before The National Press Club by singing the gospel standard, "He Looked Beyond My Fault." They're all looking beyond your faults, Cain. They all are. □

Idle NBA leaves sports void in cities like Portland

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PORLAND, Ore. — A short walk from the Rose Garden, the home of the Portland Trail Blazers, a few customers trickled into the Spirit of '77 sports bar after it opened Thursday afternoon. They ordered pints of beer, hot dogs and other snacks. Some played a mini basketball game as hockey games blared on the large televisions.

The only thing missing was the Blazers, who were supposed to play their home opener Thursday against the Denver Nuggets. If the game had not been canceled because of the NBA lockout, hundreds of fans would have been at the bar in Blazers jerseys, downing food and drinks before heading to the arena, or hunkering down to watch the game on television.

With the lockout in its fifth month and every game in November wiped out, cities like Portland are getting a taste of life without their hometown basketball team. While fans in New York, Chicago or Dallas can turn to the NFL and the NHL, the lack of NBA games has left a larger-than-normal void in places like Portland, Salt Lake City and Oklahoma City, where basketball is pretty much the only professional game in town during the winter. The lockout has started to pinch local businesses that depend on the teams, as well as city and state governments that rely on the tax revenue generated by the players, the teams and their fans.

"This is terrible," said Timothy Davey, who runs the Spirit of '77, which refers to the year that the Blazers won their only NBA title. "Our vitality is at stake."

Accurate figures on how much money is being lost because of the NBA lockout are difficult to come by. But in Portland, fans, businesses, the Blazers and visiting teams spend hundreds of thousands of dollars a game during the season at hotels, restaurants, shops, rental-car agencies and so on. Television net-



Erin Kirby, left, makes a drink at the mostly deserted basketball-themed bar, Spirit Of 77, in Portland, Ore. In NBA cities like Portland that do not have NFL or NHL franchises, the basketball lockout is hurting businesses and fans.

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Pictures hang on the wall of basketball-themed bar, Spirit Of 77, in Portland, Ore. In NBA cities like Portland that do not have NFL or NHL franchises, the basketball lockout is hurting businesses and fans.

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works also sell advertising for the games. Some of that money will never be spent if November's games are not made up, or if more games are canceled.

The owners and players resumed negotiations Saturday night for the first time since talks broke down again Oct. 28. The Blazers' owner, Paul Allen, was among those at the bargaining session, which was guided by the federal mediator George Cohen.

Davey said the bar did good business during Uni-

versity of Oregon football games, NFL Sundays and college basketball tournaments and bowl games. Although the Timbers made a splash this year in their first season in Major League Soccer, they did not qualify for the playoffs now under way. But nothing matches the Blazers. Davey said sales were at least three times higher on days when they were playing compared with ordinary nights, and 80 of the bar's 100 busiest days in the past year were on Blazers game days,

at home or on the road. He often hires more staff on those dates to keep up with the crowds.

Davey also has a lot riding on the Blazers because the bar is close to the arena, an area that lacks pedestrian traffic when there are no events. The bar is in its second year of business, a critical juncture in the restaurant industry.

"Not having the Blazers bums people out," Davey said. The potential effect in Portland is worrying enough that Mayor Sam Adams

joined 13 other mayors with NBA teams in their cities in sending a letter to Commissioner David Stern and Billy Hunter, the executive director of the players union, urging them to settle their differences.

Some of the money generated by Blazers games would have no effect on the local economy. Players, for instance, spend parts of their salaries out of state. But the income taxes on those salaries are not being collected. Neither are the 6 percent ticket tax and the fees generated by the three arena parking lots, which together generate about \$77,000 a game. That income, adding up to more than \$3 million over the course of a season, goes into the Spectator Facilities Fund, which pays off the bonds issued to build and maintain stadiums and arenas in the city. Portland has a reserve fund, but if the entire season is lost, the fund will have to be built up again.

Hundreds of people who work in parking lots and concession stands and as ushers during Blazers games will not see their lost income replaced. Booster groups from local high schools and charities that run concession stands in the arena to raise money will also be left out.

"Just because there isn't much of a macroeconomic effect doesn't mean there aren't a lot of people hurt," said Patrick M. Emerson, who teaches economics at Oregon State.

A variety of companies that do business with the Blazers have also lost income. Paul Zimmerman, the president of Office Products Northwest, has a sponsorship with the team that includes signs at the Rose Garden. In return, the team buys office supplies from his company. Orders from the team were down 18 percent from August to October compared with the same period last year. "When you're not as active, you use less toner, less paper, fewer pens, so many things that are reduced," said Zimmerman, who employs 37 people. □